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School in shock as two teenagers die in road crash

THIRD YOUNGSTER 'CRITICAL'

THE pupils and staff of a comprehensive school were in shock after two sixth form pupils were killed in a collision at Ogmore by Sea on Monday night, with a third in a critical condition in hospital.

The two 17-year-olds who died have been named as Royston Thomas and Alexander Jones, pupils at Brynteg.

The third teenager, who has not been named, is described as being in "a critical, but stable condition" at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

The family of Royston Thomas paid the following tribute to him:

"Royston was very popular with everyone who knew him. He was part of a large group of friends who had been great friends for years. He was a joker and saw humour in everything.

"Royston was passionate about cars and his proudest moment was when he passed his test."

The teenager's other great passion was rugby and he played at scrum half for Tondy RFC for seven years.

His family added: "Royston was a very proud Englishman.

"He adored his sister and was a loving son."

The parents of Alexander Jones also paid tributes to him.

His mum Lydia said: "Alex was a popular boy who had lots of friends. He was loving and caring and always smiling and laughing."

"I will miss his smile



ABOVE: Alexander Jones was "a loving son and a very talented all-round sportsman who will leave a void in the lives of his family and friends".



ABOVE: Royston Thomas, who played at scrum half for Tondy RFC, was "a proud Englishman who adored his sister and was a loving son".

and his presence. He will be missed more than anyone can imagine."

She added: "He has left a massive hole in my life."

His dad Stephen said: "Alex was a loving son, a keen and very talented all round sportsman who loved being outdoors."

"We enjoyed playing golf and snooker together - he was always fun to be around and lived life to the full. He will leave a massive void in our lives."

The accident occurred on the Ogmore Road, Ogmore by Sea, at around 11pm on Monday, when the black Suzuki Swift the teenagers were travelling in collided with a wall.

The tragedy has been greeted with deep sadness at their school.

The headteacher, Mr Chris Davies, said: "We are deeply shocked and saddened at this tragic accident which has claimed the lives of two of our sixth form pupils and injured a third."

"The school is a close-

knit community, and the teachers, governors, pupils and staff are offering each other support and comfort during this distressing time.

"Our thoughts, hopes and prayers are with the family and friends of all who have been affected by this tragic accident."

Hilary Anthony, corporate director for children at BCBC, said:

"The local education authority is offering support to pupils, teachers and staff at the school, and is making extra counselling and help available."

"We will be liaising closely with the school over the coming weeks and months to ensure that they have all the support and assistance that they need at this difficult time."

Police are appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision to contact them on 101.

Planning applications give clue to future of Cowbridge health centre

by PHILIP IRWIN

A RAFT of change-of-use planning applications has been submitted by the owners of Cowbridge Health Centre - giving the first clue about what will happen to the building when the GP practice moves to new premises.

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Hospital Trust has made the applications - and they appear to point to

plans for mixed office uses, including a dentist's surgery. As well as the dentists, applications have been made for change-of-use to offices, financial and professional services, and also a creche.

However, a statement from the trust suggested that there are no immediate plans for any business, or indeed a dentist.

A spokeswoman for the trust said that the planning applications, which cost £990 to sub-

mit to the Vale Council, were aimed at increasing the value of the property, should it be offered for sale. She said: "As a public body, ABM University Health Board has a duty to maximise the value of any surplus property by enhancing the potential uses it could have."

"Through our planning consultants, we have explored the possibility of residential use, but we have been advised that this is

unlikely to be successful for a variety of reasons."

She continued: "There is, however, both interest in, and potential for, various other uses for the building, but we first need to obtain planning permission."

"The comparatively minor outlay for the change-in-use applications is considered worthwhile when put in context against the potential increased value of the building, and the resulting higher chances of successfully selling it on."

At last - the Cowbridge 'Calendar Boys' are here!



PHOTOGRAPH by GLYN EVANS

ABOVE: The businessmen of Cowbridge pose for the front cover of the calendar - to see individual shots you'll have to buy one, with proceeds going to Children in Need.

THE eagerly-awaited calendar featuring Cowbridge businessmen stripped down to all but the bare essentials, hits the streets today.

As previously reported in The GEM, local business owners wanted to do something to raise money for Children in

Need, and borrowed a WI concept in which the models pose naked - except for a strategically-placed item.

Simon Parton, of Coyote Ski and Snowboard, explained: "There's a limited run of 400 calendars available. They are available in Cowbridge shops from

today. We hope, after printing costs, to raise around £2,800.

"A number of people have pre-ordered, so we're hoping it goes quickly."

The calendar can be purchased at Arthur John & Co, WG Davies Newsagents, The Bee Hive, Coyote Ski and

Snowboard, Cowbridge Cycle Centre (The Wool Barn), Adam Hugh Jones Fine Furniture Restoration (The Wool Barn), Barefoot Studios, Vale 4 X 4 Garage, The Little Shop of Calm (Halcyon Daze), PH 71 hair salon and Havard & Havard.

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Reindeer to kick off Christmas in Cowbridge!

THE traditional curtain-raiser to the Cowbridge festive season takes place at the end of this month (November 29) when Santa and his reindeer come to town.

This year, the day-long jamboree will be the first in a number of events, all aimed at building up towards Christmas.

For more details of reindeer day, and of other events in the town, turn to our three-page Cowbridge Christmas feature on pages 13-15.

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'Remember the case of Dr Price'

IHAVE been following the story of Maurice Kirk 'The Flying Vet', via The GEM online from southern California, USA.

As a Welsh expatriot, I am thoroughly appalled that a British subject has been called "a fool" for wanting to appear in *pro per*.

What came to mind was the case of Dr William Price of Llantrisant, who did just that, and won his case over cremation rights.

Is this because Mr Kirk's case is about the sensitive topic of guns? or is it because he has been found 'unfit' to represent himself after the psychiatric evaluation?

I am sure that if Dr Price was to appear in *pro per* today, he too would have been subjected to a psych evaluation - as let's face it, burning one's son is rather more 'out there' than simply wanting to sell an old gun!

Jackie McMahon/Williams, Simi Valley, California, USA

Office closure is not logical

ICAN'T understand the logic of closing the Vale Council offices as they are very handy, especially for older people to pay their council tax and rent.

I wonder whether our three local Vale Conservative councillors voted for the closures and, if so, why are we voting for them?
PM Brown, Cowbridge

Speedway appeal

IHAVE been a Speedway supporter all my life. I am an enthusiastic collector of all things that go with the sport.

I am appealing for help in building up my hobby. Many people from Barry used to watch speedway at Penarth Road in Cardiff and the 'Dragons' had a branch of their supporters club in the town.

If any readers can help me, I would be pleased to hear from them.

F Whitehouse, 114 Upper-Ettingshall



Road, Coseley, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 9QU

Papal bull

Last week's lead letter (by Diane Mitchell) carried the suggestion that Pope Innocent IV had passed a Papal Bull in 1952.

Now, Popes in the middle ages had great power and influence, but this particular Pope was in office from 1243 to 1253, so the year 1952 was beyond his reach, even with Papal infallibility.

The correct date, of course, was 1252.

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Council should expand Llantwit office to promote the Vale...

IDO not work for Metrix and do not speak on behalf of the DTC; I am a resident of Llantwit Major who is concerned over this proposed closure.

It is the wrong move by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, at the wrong time.

The Vale will be the home of the MoD Defence Technical College (DTC). Final work is now being undertaken in preparation for a major financial investment and construction programme of the DTC.

When complete, in a few years

time, the DTC will employ several hundred staff and have thousands of students passing through its gates.

How is the Vale Council meeting this expansion? By contraction of its services to the Vale by the closure of the Llantwit Major council office.

Llantwit Major is the closest town to the DTC. Across the United Kingdom, Metrix will be recruiting staff to come and work here at the DTC.

When they come to Llantwit Major to check the town for a possible place to live and raise a family, will they be able to talk to the council face to face? No.

The Llantwit Major council office, at this point in time, serves a greater need than a 'standard' council office. It is the closest council office to the proposed DTC site, a place where prospective residents of the Vale of Glamorgan (VoG) can talk to council staff about life in the VoG.

The council should consider expansion of this office in order to promote the VoG as a place to live and raise a family, with a permanent display of the benefits of living and working here.

Charles Allen Boverton

'Well done, Llantwit Major, on Remembrance Day turn-out

IN the past, The GEM has always given the Remembrance Day celebrations throughout the Vale the excellent coverage it deserves. This year was no exception.

As usual, Llantwit

Major's observance featured prominently. Our town clerk has already expressed the appreciation of the Town Council through your columns, but I wonder if I might add a few words of my own before the occasion is consigned to history.

This year was the largest turnout that I can remember, and it is a

pity that our central square can no longer accommodate all those wishing to take part.

There have been criticisms of the organisation in the past, but this year congratulations must be extended to all those responsible.

The ceremony was preceded by the ringing of the half-muffled church bells. A poignant opening to a solemn occasion.

The band and contingents from all three services played their usual significant part impeccably, but special thanks must go to the many

youth organisations who were represented. These youngsters were a credit to themselves and their leaders.

The conduct of the service by the clergy of all the churches in the town was a fine example of the sort of co-operation that can be achieved when the will exists.

As one of the few war veterans able to make it, may I say on behalf of all of those unable to attend: "Well done, and a big thank you to everyone."

Long may it continue.
Jim Morgan, Llantwit Major

'Let's put the community first'

Iam sure I speak for many in Llantwit Major in offering thanks to Jane Hutt AM and Coun Gwyn John for their considerable efforts to save our local cash office.

The office serves as a visible presence of the Vale Council in Llantwit, providing a high quality, face-to-face advisory and support service.

The decision to close the office is a disgrace and raises a number of important issues.

Firstly, why did the Conservative councillors in Llantwit allow this to happen? They had the ability to influence their Conservative colleagues in the Vale cabinet but either chose not to do so, or their views count for very little.

Surely, the first priority of a local councillor is to protect local public services. In that regard, they have dismally failed.

Secondly, where is Alun Cairns? We have all become used to the AM for South West Wales involving himself in most populist causes in the Vale, but on this issue he seems to be strangely absent.

Thirdly, it is important the warring factions on the Town Council draw a line over past differences and restore a sense of collective purpose.

The town needs strong leadership during these difficult economic times, and it is incumbent on all our elected councillors to put the interests of the community ahead of pointless personal vendettas.
Jeff Evans, Llantwit Major and St Athan Labour Party

For more reader's letters, turn to page 6

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 26)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
19 Thur	09.04	14.2	21.27	13.9
20 Fri	09.41	13.9	22.01	13.5
21 Sat	10.17	13.4	22.34	13.1
22 Sun	10.51	12.9	23.03	12.7
23 Mon	11.27	12.5	23.46	12.3
24 Tues			12.06	12.2
25 Wed	00.31	11.9	12.57	11.9
26 Thur	01.31	11.5	14.08	11.7

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TOWN'S WALLS WILL SOON BE BACK IN SHAPE!

WORK is now under way on the Cowbridge Charter Trust's programme for the repair of the historic town walls – and the expertise for the project has come from a local company.

Kelvin Darke, of the Kinsale Stone Co of Llantwit Major, moved into the corner by the back gate of the Market Place Tavern, to begin work on the collapsed wall at the back of the Market Place yard.

The landlord of the Market Place, Peter Marriott, said: "We are

delighted that this work has begun, and to be associated with the restoration of Cowbridge's historic town walls, of which our tavern, one of the oldest buildings in the town, is a part."

Charter Trust chairman Luke Millar said: "We are very grateful to Peter, whose friendly cooperation has helped Kelvin to make a good start with the work."

"This length of wall has been a source of anxiety since the return section collapsed in the summer, revealing the instability of the whole corner.

"One historical bonus has been the exposure of a complete cross-section of the end of the raised wall walk, revealing it to be a solid earth infill, probably an 18th-Century creation by the Edmondson family."

The return wall will be built up to ground level with concrete blocks and faced with the original stone, which will then be used to reconstruct the upper wall and corner post.

Mr Millar added: "We plan to replace the ugly concrete steps up to the walk (close to the Library and health centre) with stone, and

eventually to put a stone ball-finish on the restored corner post, which originally carried one.

"From this corner, Kelvin and his team will work around the entire length of the walls to the South gate, meeting up with the repairs done by the Parc Prisoners and Kevin Raymond last winter.

"It has been a long haul, getting all the permissions and specifications and funding from the Vale Council in place. The support of the Vale officers has been consistent throughout."

Mr Millar continued: "Kelvin won the contract in competition with three other local stone-masons. They are all people of great skill and tremendous enthusiasm for their work, heartening in our times when true craftsmanship is supposed to be dying. It isn't."

"It is especially pleasing, too, to see the work and support of so many volunteers and local people over the last three years at last get its true reward. Without their efforts, the repairs could never have started."



ABOVE (left to right): The head chef at the Market Place, Tim Marriott, Peter Jones (Vale Consultancy) and Kelvin Darke.

Youngsters remember at Peterston-super-Ely



ABOVE:

Villagers marked Remembrance Sunday at Peterston-super-Ely with a well-attended morning service in St Peter's Church. This was followed by the laying of a wreath at the Lych Gate Remembrance Plaque, and then coffee in the Bell Tower. The three local children were captured on camera after the ceremony by IAN DIXON.

Another lively year ahead!

AT the AGM on November 9, Kath Jones, president, read the Glamorgan newsletter – also reminding members of the next meeting on December 14, Christmas dinner at Colwinston village hall, prepared by Jane Morgan.

On November 30, members helped out at Colwinston village hall craft Christmas fayre, with the raffle, mulled wine and mince pies.

On December 3, there

COLWINSTON/ LLYSWORNEY WI

will be a Christmas carol service at St Brides Major church with Southerndown WI, our link institute.

Rhiannon Jones read last year's AGM minutes and Kath Jones read her annual report. She thanked everyone for their support.

Eileen Bywater (minutes secretary) read her yearly report in rhyme and Chris Gill (treasurer) the 2009 accounts.

The new committee was elected for 2010, with Kath Jones as president.

Judith Lucas, WI advisor, gave an interesting talk on WI movements and institutes of Wales from 1915-2009.

Our programme for 2010, completed by Dolores Howells, again promises members a variety of interesting speakers, plus two theatre trips organised by Kath.

Visitors welcomed at our monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at Colwinston village hall at 7.30pm.

RH

Pendoylan pupils fill gift boxes for needy children



PUPILS from Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School have again rallied to support Operation Christmas Child, an initiative of the charity Samaritans Purse.

This year they put together a grand total of 163 Christmas

boxes which will be sent to children in Eastern Europe and Africa. The boxes were collected by Mr Tony McCarthy (area representative) assisted by pupils from Pendoylan School.

In the UK alone last year, over 1.2 million shoeboxes, packed full of gifts, were sent to children in disadvantaged situa-

tions.

"The pupils said they were so pleased to help children less fortunate than themselves and bring them some happiness at Christmas. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy Christmas project," a school spokesman said.

BROWN OWL AMANDA RECEIVES TOP AWARD

THE Brown Owl at 1st Cowbridge Brownies, Amanda Pay, has received an award – for five years' service to

Girlguiding.

Since September 2004, Amanda has single-handedly run the local Brownies pack. With extreme dedication and commitment, she has donated innumerable hours to planning and running weekly Brownies meetings.

She has also regularly given up her free time on other weeknights and weekends to give her Brownies the opportunity to further experience Guiding adventures and fun by taking them out-

side the meeting hall.

Such events have included swimming galas, visits to the pantomime, seeing local attractions and places of interest and attending Brownies' events.

As well as running 1st Cowbridge Brownies, Amanda has also helped to ensure the tradition of Girlguiding continues throughout the community with her role as District Commissioner.

Earlier this year, she organised the Vale district centenary launch

party, when Brownies in the area united to celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding.

"Through Amanda's hard work as a volunteer for the organisation, many girls in the local area have been able to enjoy exciting and memorable times as Brownies."

She is an honourable member of the community and thoroughly deserves her long service award," a spokeswoman said.

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

Annual charity quiz is voted huge success

LAST Saturday, the Rotary Club of Cowbridge hosted its sixth annual charity quiz in a packed Town Hall when 28 teams battled it out over 15 exciting rounds.

Results were close, with the lead changing frequently right up to the end.

Cowbridge Record Society won £250 for their nominated charity – LATCH. In second place, using the team-name of 'Vale Snappers', the Vale Photographic Society received £150 for Kidney Research UK.

The third-placed team from Cowbridge Bridge Players, competing under the name 'Four Square', received £50 which they will donate



The picture shows club president Colin Jones presenting a cheque to the winners, Cowbridge Record Society.

to Wales Air Ambulance.

All other proceeds from this popular evening will go to the Cowbridge Rotary Club's charity account and will be used for charitable work locally, nationally and internationally. An entertaining evening with everyone a winner!

Flower Club

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club presents The Spirit of Christmas, a demonstration by Delyth Price, on November 25, in the Cowbridge Town Hall, at 7.30pm.

Raffle: sales table in aid of Ty Hafan. Tickets £5 at the door.

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'Be more flexible over hospital journeys,' AM tells ambulance service

THE refusal of the Welsh Ambulance Service to ferry two elderly Barry women back home from hospital in Cardiff has been raised on the floor of the Senedd by regional Assembly member Alun Cairns.

Two weeks ago, The GEM revealed how the two women, both in their 80s, had been transferred from Barry Hospital to the University Hospital by ambulance to undergo further investigations at the A and E department, but once discharged, they were told they would have to make their own way home.

Both women took taxis home – one at 3am. Mr Cairns tackled

Wales' First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM, about the incidents. Mr Morgan replied that he was not aware of these.

Mr Cairns told The GEM he would be writing to Mr Morgan to give him the full details.

The AM said: "Both of these ladies had gone for treatment to Barry Hospital but were transferred to the Heath by ambulance.

"Both drive, and had gone to Barry Hospital by car but, of course, they had to leave these behind.

"One lady had suffered head injuries and it was deemed unwise for her to drive into Cardiff.

"I have no quarrel with either the decision to transfer them to the Heath, or to transport

them there by ambulance, but I was angry that they were just left stranded.

"It would seem only right to me that if you are brought to a hospital by ambulance, you are also taken home by one.

"Expecting two elderly women to try and get home in the middle of the night is ridiculous. Luckily, they both had enough money on them to pay for a taxi home."

Mr Cairns is also pursuing the refusal of the ambulance service to pick up a patient from Rookwood Hospital and take her home to the Vale after her appointment with her consultant.

The woman was being taken there by her husband because ambulances had picked her up

too late for appointments on two previous occasions. But she was told that she would have to book a two-way trip or nothing.

Mr Cairns said: "It's time that the ambulance service adopted a more flexible attitude to patients and looked at each case on its merits. I will be asking Rhodri Morgan to look into these examples and the others I have been informed about by readers of The GEM."

The Ambulance Service has told The GEM that it is unable to comment on individual cases but if the patients or their families wish to contact them, the service will be happy to discuss the matter directly with them.

Proud day for Vale sculptor as 'iconic' statue is unveiled

by PHILIP IRWIN

A Vale sculptor has told The GEM about his "fabulous" day when his biggest commission – a massive bronze of a Welsh legend – was unveiled in front of a gathering of VIPs in Cardiff.

Roger Andrews, who worked on the project at his home in Llantwit Major for almost a year, was there when a nine-foot tall bronze statue of Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, was unveiled last Sunday, November 15, at the Millennium Stadium.

A WRU spokesman said it would be a permanent memorial to "one of the most accomplished Welshmen of the late 20th century".

The statue is taking pride of place on the elevated section of the main stadium entrance in Westgate Street, where hundreds of thousands of visitors pass by throughout the year.

It was a big moment for Roger, as the statue was unveiled by Sir Tasker's daughter, Lady Mair Griffith-Williams, following a march past by troops and the band from the 2nd battalion of the Royal Welsh Regiment.

Roger told The GEM: "It was the first time that Lady Mair has seen the nine-foot finished statue.

"She had approved a three-foot version, but had not seen it since. I was thrilled, because it was obvious to everyone that she loved it!"

More than 150 VIPs attended the ceremony, including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Judge, the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas, The Archbishop of Wales and Major General R J M Porter.

The Welsh Rugby Union was represented by its president, Dennis Gethin, chairman David Pickering and group chief executive, Roger Lewis.

Sir Tasker Watkins, who died in September 2007 aged 88, was widely regarded as one of the most influential Welshmen of the late 20th century, and he achieved global recognition for his achievements in several fields of individual endeavour.

His rise to prominence in rugby administration and the law was achieved after a wartime act of bravery which earned him the Victoria Cross for exceptional valour.

He was president of the Welsh Rugby Union from 1993 until 2004, during 11 turbulent years which saw the game turn professional, the four Welsh regions formed and the Millennium Stadium built.

As an accomplished barrister, he rose through the judiciary to achieve one of the highest legal positions in the UK when he became the Deputy Chief Justice of England



ABOVE: Roger Andrews with Lady Mair Griffith-Williams in front of the statue.

and Wales.

Lady Mair Griffith-Williams said: "I am very proud that my father has been commemorated by this wonderful statue and particularly pleased it is here at the Millennium Stadium.

"The family is extremely grateful to everyone who has made this possible."

WRU president, Dennis Gethin, said: "This statue is a fitting tribute to a Welshman who achieved such distinction through his involvement in the military, the law and rugby.

"I am lucky to have counted Sir Tasker as a

friend and, like everyone else who knew him, I was influenced by his example and humbled by his courtesy and caring nature."

The First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM, said: "Sir Tasker was a unique individual, and I stand by my belief that he was truly one of the outstanding Welshmen of the 20th century.

"When people visit the Millennium Stadium, they will look up to him as an iconic example of a man who was both gifted and determined, but at the same time, courageous and humble."

The bronze statue of

Sir Tasker stands nine foot high on a concrete plinth above the ramp at ground entrance three to the Millennium Stadium.

Watching the pomp and ceremony, was Roger Andrews, and it all seemed a long way from the tentative beginnings of the project, when he submitted a one-foot high marquee to the organising committee.

In recent weeks, Roger has been making regular visits to the foundry at Stroud, putting the finishing touches to the statue, which was transported to Cardiff last Friday by lorry.

He told The GEM: "It was a fabulous day – even though it rained for the 20-minute unveiling ceremony!"

"I was so delighted by Lady Mair's reaction. If I never completed another work, I am certain this is the one sculpture I passionately wanted to create."

After the ceremony, Roger, his wife Andrea and daughter Olivia were invited to a reception along with 140 other guests.

The GEM asked if his new-found fame had generated any new commissions, and Roger confirmed that he is one of three sculptors who have been asked to submit a proposed sculpture of Fred Keenor, the Cardiff City captain when the Bluebirds won the FA Cup in 1927.

50 festive trees will light up town festival at Holy Cross

THE fifth annual Christmas Tree Festival takes place at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on the last weekend in November – 27-29.

This year, proceeds will be shared between the church restoration fund and Velindre Cancer Hospital in Cardiff.

The festival attracts huge interest as it features up to 50 Christmas trees, all beautifully decorated in different colours and themes.

"It creates a breathtaking spectacle," said parish warden Pam Roberts. "The festival also gives the community at large a wonderful opportunity to come into the church to decorate their trees and to be a very real part of the event."

"The church is an important part of the community, both spiritually and historically, and is a significant feature in the life of the town."

The festival will be opened on the Friday and Saturday from 10.30am-5pm and on

Sunday from 12noon-4pm. Refreshments will be available throughout.

The festival includes a gala concert on the Friday, starting at 7.30pm and featuring the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir.

The soprano soloist on the night will be Daisy Elin Evans, a second year student of classical singing at the prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

Daisy attended Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge, an then Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry.

Her singing teachers in Wales were Eleri Roberts, who instilled in her a love of Welsh folk song, then baritone Mark Evans, who inspired her to make singing her career.

Tickets are available from Sorrento Furnishers, David Barnes dry cleaners or Frank Maynard on 01446 772454.

The concert provides a stunning way to begin the seasons of advent and Christmas.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto at the

church on the Saturday and Sunday. Entertainment on the Saturday morning will be by the children of St Bride's Major Church in Wales school.

Also on Saturday, Bert Thomas and his handbell ringers will add to the festive fun.

Sunday is a very busy day in Cowbridge with the reindeer parade, and church members will be involved with the children in the Nativity parade.

A hog roast will be held at the church in a marquee from 12noon onwards.

The festival ends with a carol service at 4pm with the St Hilary Church Choir.



ABOVE: Daisy Elin Evans

School plans charity world record attempt

PUPILS at Y Bont Faen Primary are planning to break a Guinness World Record tomorrow (Friday, November 20) by creating the largest Pudsey Bear out of £1 coins ...and they want Cowbridge residents to help!

The record attempt will be in aid of Children In Need, as the headteacher, Mr Meic Griffiths, explained: "If you are passing by the school on the day, please pop in and donate a £1 coin to the record attempt."

"We are hoping to raise a huge amount of money for this important charity as well as putting Y Bont Faen and Cowbridge on the world map!"

He added: "The children will be dressing up either in spotty clothes,

creating recycled fashion (led by the schools Eco-Council) or making and selling spotty cakes."

LEARNING ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

The children and staff were pleased to welcome the Y Bont Faen Fire Engine (from Cowbridge Fire Station) to the school recently.

The crew gave the nursery and reception classes a talk about fire safety in and around their homes, followed by a chance for some of the teachers to dress as fire crew, and for the children to take charge of putting out an imaginary fire with the large hose and water!

Mr Griffiths said: "I would like to give a huge thank you to the Y Bont Faen Fire Crew for giving up their time."

Cyclist says thank you to Cowbridge's Ruby!

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the very compassionate people who kindly stopped to help me when I took a fall off my bike on Sunday, November 15.

The paramedics who do such wonderful work were amazing. Thanks also go to up and coming Cowbridge cyclist Ruby Ellis for her calm and swift reaction to the situation, and a supermarket delivery driver who took our bikes back to Cowbridge for us.

The incident occurred by The Tumble near Culverhouse Cross on the A48 road.

The assistance restored my faith in humanity, especially in the world we live in!

Ms Carole Cheeseman, Boverton

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OBITUARY

Michael Schweitzer 1931-2009

Michael Schweitzer who died recently, reflected in his life much of our 20th century history.

Most of his career was spent at Atlantic College, as bursar, where he was totally dedicated to the ideals of the college, fostering peace and international understanding. He knew more than most what those ideals were for.

He was born in Berlin 78 years ago of a Jewish father (who had become a Christian) and a German mother.

His father and older siblings left for England just before the outbreak of World War Two, but he, as a little boy and his second sister, together with their pregnant mother, remained in Berlin to await the birth of the baby.

By the time of the birth, it was too late for them to leave and they lived in fear and hardship in wartime Berlin.

The risks became even greater after the Russian liberation in the



Michael Schweitzer.

period of anarchy and violence which ensued. Michael's stories of this period and of his adventures and risks have been recorded in a short monograph which he wrote on his 70th birthday.

After the war, the family was reunited in England. Michael spoke no English, but was sent to Gordonstoun School in Scotland, where his success led to a place at St Peter's College, Oxford University.

After graduating, he taught at Salem School in Germany. Salem was founded by Kurt Hahn, who also founded Gordonstoun, Outward Bound, and The Duke of Edinburgh Award, and

was influential in the founding of Atlantic College.

Michael Schweitzer became personal assistant to Kurt Hahn, which led to his joining the embryonic Atlantic College at St Donats.

He shared the motives of the college founders in seeking alternatives to war in the affairs of men, with his own life story a strong personal motivation for this.

His years at the college were happy ones for him and for the college. He proved to be a master administrator and he only needed to lay a finger on a defunct machine to prompt it into action.

His marriage to Deirdre was, as he was always pleased to report, the result of a 'pick-up' on a plane, after which they never looked back, building their own family of Nicola, Catrina and Patrick, and a growing flock of grandchildren.

Of the pillars of Atlantic College, he is surely among the most prominent.

COLIN JENKINS

Campaign group hopes for reprieve... Future of Bryneithin hangs in balance as Vale cabinet meets



ABOVE:

Members of the Keep Bryneithin Open group oppose a report recommendation that the home based in Dinas Powys should close.

THE success or failure of a local campaign to keep Bryneithin Residential Care Home open in Dinas Powys was hanging in the balance yesterday (Wednesday, November 18).

The Vale cabinet were meeting in the afternoon to consider a report which recommends closing the 19-bed home for older people with dementia-related illnesses.

The main recommendation to be discussed will be the closure of Bryneithin and offering all of the residents the choice of a place in Ty Dyfan, a home in Barry five miles away.

The council says that the accommodation at Ty Dyfan would be newly refurbished, modernised and specifically designed to cater well for the needs of residents.

However, the Keep Bryneithin Group which has waged a campaign, including a march through Dinas Powys which drew 200 supporters, is adamantly opposed to the closure of what is currently the Vale's only dedicated

home for people with dementia. Margot Farbrace, the group's chairwoman, whose 89-year-old war veteran father Arthur Samuel is cared for in the home, says residents would suffer from "reluctance stress syndrome".

"The care at Bryneithin is excellent. It is effectively my father's home. The staff are wonderful and treat people with such respect."

"Just a few days ago, they took him down to see Cardiff City's new football stadium – the care for people at the home is person-centred."

"Bryneithin is a large Edwardian house, a big, airy place in which people are free to move around; moving them to Ty Dyfan, which I have seen myself, means they will be like battery hens, restricted to small rooms and a narrow corridor and a sitting, dining room."

She believes the council should have drafted in a consultant in psychogeriatrics to advise on the effects moving residents might have.

In a last minute bid to get the cabinet members to reject the report's rec-

ommendations, Mrs Farbrace has written to them to say that a move could "severely traumatise" Mr Samuel.

She added: "Even at this late stage, I am hoping the home won't be closed."

Jane Hutt, the Vale's AM, said: "Bryneithin residents and relatives must be respected."

"I am seeking advice from the Deputy Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, to clarify that the needs of the most vulnerable elderly people at Bryneithin should be respected and safe guarded."

"Their needs must be at the forefront of any decisions being made about the future of Bryneithin Residential Care Home."

"All options must be fully and openly considered. I am disappointed therefore, that the Vale Council appears to have chosen one of the options before relatives and representatives have had a chance to consider all of the options."

"In light of this, cabinet discussions should be deferred to allow relatives, staff and all those with an interest in Bryneithin, time to fully consider the recommendations of this report, published last Friday."

"Relatives must be supported through this very distressing time and the staff at Bryneithin should be consulted and protected as well as the neighbouring Crossroads service."

Regional Assembly Member, Chris Franks, labelled the report "a whitewash" and said Bryneithin was a Vale social services success story.

He told The GEM: "I regret to say that the Conservative-controlled council has for years wanted to shut this much-loved home."

"They have ignored the views of the community, relatives and the home's record of care."

The Vale cabinet member for social and care services, Coun Dorothy Turner, pointed out that the social services department faced a great challenge to meet the growing need for services which help older people as they live longer and seek to remain as independent as possible.

The Vale Council carried out a 12-week consultation into the future of the home earlier this year, and Coun Turner explained: "We must make best use of the resources available but any change has to be made sensitively."

"A considerable amount of work has been done in carrying out the consultation, conducting the review and developing these proposals. However, any decision about the home must be made by cabinet. The overall objective is to improve access and choice in respect of residential care services for older people with mental ill health and/or dementia."

The director of social services, Phil Evans, said: "We know that relatives are very concerned about possible harm to their loved ones if they have to transfer to another home."

"In the event of closure, the health and wellbeing of the Bryneithin residents, and the need to ensure the best possible future care for them, will remain of paramount importance."

He added: "Individual needs will be fully assessed and we will ensure that our staff provide the support the residents and their families require."

"At the same time, the report contains proposals that will help to secure an immediate and sustained increase in the number of places available in the Vale of Glamorgan for people with dementia-type illnesses, in settings which are dedicated to catering for their additional needs."

Vale pupil gets a starring role with Ioan Gruffydd

TWO primary schoolchildren Siwan Rhys and Maccsen Prys-Davies are starring alongside

Hollywood actor Ioan Gruffydd as the voices of a new Welsh animation series.

Siwan, aged nine, of Clive Road, Canton, Cardiff, and eight-year-old Maccsen of

Pendoylan, successfully auditioned for the leading voice-over roles for Igam Ogam, a new pre-school animation which has been made by Calon.

Siwan, a pupil at Ysgol Pwll Coch, Canton, is the voice of the lead character, a curious little cave girl



Maccsen Prys-Davies.

called Igam Ogam, while Maccsen, who attends Iolo Morganwg School in Cowbridge, is the voice of her monkey friend, Roly.

The two children were invited down to Calon's studios in Butetown, Cardiff to record their

sessions for the 26 10-minute episodes of the Welsh language programme, which is currently being screened on S4C.

They will feature alongside Cardiff-born *Fantastic Four* actor Ioan Gruffydd, who nar-

rates each of the 10-minute episodes following Igam Ogam and her friends Doggy the dinosaur, Roly the monkey and Triple Tog the sabre tooth tiger, on their adventures as they learn about typical pre-school situations.

Calon's Welsh language voice director Pat Griffiths said: "We auditioned several children but Maccsen and Siwan were perfect for the roles. They both worked so hard, they are little stars."

Igam Ogam is broadcast on S4C at 12.30pm from Monday to Friday until December 4. An English language version featuring Gavin and Stacy star Ruth Jones will be broadcast on Five next spring.

AM hands over villagers' petition on GP services

RIGHT: Jane Hutt presents the petition.

AT a meeting held in Peterston Super Ely village hall, chaired by Vale AM Jane Hutt, a 100-strong petition was presented to Jim Thompson of Cardiff and Vale Hospital Health Board, in support of the Peterston Super Ely GP services.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Community Council, Community Connect and the Over-60s Club.

It was also attended by Fairwater health centre practice manager and county councillor Rhodri Traherne.

Ms Hutt said: "There was great concern about the loss of the GP services provided by the Fairwater practice and a constructive discussion was held about future options for providing health care in the



village, particularly to serve the large population of over-60s as well as young families.

"Discussions are now taking place between the Health Board and the Fairwater practice, with while these discussions take the possibility of a Community place," the AM.

ON November 8, a well-attended Remembrance service was held in St Bridget's Church.

The names of the fallen in both 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 wars were read out. Wreaths were laid and the Last Post and Reveille sounded on the bugle by local resident Roger Lewis. Wreaths were also laid at the War Memorial on Bull Hill, St Brides Major.

ON Armistice Day, November 11, pupils of St Brides Major C/W School paid their respects, remembering all those who laid down their lives in the two World Wars and more recently.

Poems were read and the pupils gave their own reflections on the day. A beautiful altar of poppies and the Roll of Honour were given pride of place in the main hall of the school.

The service was taken by Venerable Philip Morris, who read the Silent Tribute and the Last Post and Reveille were played by music

teacher Gavin Mathews.

SUNDAY, November 8 was the evening of the firework display in Ogmores-by-Sea, organised by Chris Taylor of Ogmores-by-Sea and other volunteers who thank all who helped to make the evening a success and all who donated prizes.

Proceeds were in aid of the Southerndown Surf Life Saving Club and £300 was handed over.

AT the St Brides Major meeting held at the Church Hall on November 9, it was resolved that the roofs of the two bus shelters in St Brides Major were to be repaired – near the Post Office/Spar shop and Farmers Arms.

It was resolved that the Vale Council be asked to supply sand bags to those Ogmores residents who want them as a temporary measure.

The flashing speed signs in St Brides Major and Ogmores-by-Sea are

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to be checked.

PCSO Steve Thomas gave a report on crime figures in the area for the month of October: Car theft from Dunraven Bay, Southerndown; criminal damage to car door locks on Main Road, Ogmores-by-Sea.

It was resolved that the Christmas cash grant from the Vale be used for a festive tree at Ogmores-by-Sea.

The burial ground committee is to look into the cost of a new handrail up to the main gate of the church of St Bridget and thank the PCC for their donation toward keeping the pathway clean.

Planning – approved application: rear extensions, alterations to roof of detached garage 30 Main Road, Ogmores-by-Sea.

There is public concern regarding planning permission for the St Athan development, regarding the increase of traffic on the roads, particularly through St Brides Major.

The next community council meeting will take place on December 13 at the Church Hall at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

LADIES Thursday Club met at the school on November 12 when members brought along items of interest and told how they held personal memories.

One item was 'one-fingered scissors' (no-one knew what it was used for) not even the person who brought it!

Arrangements were made for the forthcoming Christmas lunch on December 17 when there will be a break for the Christmas period.

WHAT'S ON - in brief Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major, on Saturday, November 21, at 9.30am-11.30am. No appointments are necessary.

A talk from on high ...

THE man behind the aerial photography in the new BBC Wales series *Hidden Histories* is giving a talk to members of The Friends of Dyffryn Gardens on Thursday, November 26.

Toby Driver, aerial investigator Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, will talk about aerial photography, with particular reference to gardens in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The new series of *Hidden Histories* is running on Tuesday evenings on BBC2. Toby's talk will take place in the Cory Centre, Dyffryn Gardens, at 2pm.

Selection method based on merit?

IT was good to see that Ms Alana Davies finally got her chance to respond to her critics in last week's GEM; but this is not what will have made the most impact on your readers in recent months.

I have watched incredulously from the sidelines as misogynistic local Tories queued up to try to discredit Mrs Davies, even before she was selected as the Labour candidate to replace John Smith, MP.

First the focus was on the Labour Party's selection procedure, a matter which, I would venture to suggest, is no one's business except the Labour Party's.

The Conservatives would be far better occupied in looking at their

own record and wondering why they have only 18 female MPs out of a total of 193. Do they honestly believe that this is an indication of a party that selects its candidates 'on merit'?

Apparently frustrated at having failed to influence their opponents' internal procedures, they are now lining up to find fault with every word uttered by Ms Davies.

Having myself resigned from the Labour Party 10 years ago, I was genuinely undecided about which way to vote in the next general election – until the beginning of this spiteful letter campaign.

These loquacious gentlemen have helped me make up my mind. If they represent the alternative, Ms Davies can count on my vote.

Deborah Fisher, Colwinston

'Name the bullies'

AM I alone in being sick of hearing stories about people who are just too nice, being bullied by people in public services?

They are supposedly there to provide a service but, unfortunately, as paedophiles work their way into working with children, bullies levitate

towards these positions.

You may say that public service workers get a lot of abuse – but not from the sort of people I am talking about, because they are thoroughly decent.

However, some of the people I know who work in public services are not nice people at all, truth be known and should be named and shamed.

Lisa Franklin, Barry

'Wear blue for climate march'

MAY I, through your newspaper, urge all your readers who care about our environment to take part in the biggest climate change march ever seen in the UK.

'The Wave' will take place on Saturday, December 5, ahead of the crucial UN climate change talks in Copenhagen.

It is hoped the march will send a strong message to world leaders demanding a safe and fair deal on climate change to help protect the world's poorest people.

For more information, log onto www.stopclimatechaoscoalition.org
Coun Rob Curtis, Barry

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Vale on the Road shows had good feedback for council

IWOULD like to thank all the residents who came along to the recent 'Vale on the Road' events in Barry, Rhoose and Penarth.

The council's cabinet members, including myself, and our officers enjoyed meeting the residents. Hearing the views of local people first-hand is extremely useful to us.

The new, informal style 'Vale on the Road' was popular with the

majority of people we met. This was pleasing as we hoped residents would find this type of event more accessible than the previous formal 'State of Area Debates'.

It was also the first time we have held such events on a Saturday, rather than in the evening.

We will take all the feedback we have received into consideration when planning the next 'Vale on the Road'.

Our officers are working their way through all

the comment cards that were received. If you requested a response, this will soon be on its way to you.

We also plan to provide a round-up of the

discussions at the events, on the council website, in the near future.

Coun Gordon Kemp (Leader, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Questions of belief

IFEEL I must reply to Diane Mitchell's belligerent and blinkered letter on paganism v Christianity in last week's GEM.

She somehow sees the Vatican and the Pope as the pontification of the Christian Church, which she readily criticises.

There is, however, a Christianity that I know, as a born-again believer, as having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus,

as many people forget, died on a cross for our sins.

Ms Mitchell is quick to exalt Halloween as a pagan festival. However, October 31 is also marked as a devil-worship, where in some parts of the world little children were sacrificed.

We all have a free will to choose what we believe in and I'm glad that I have that freedom to choose and also to stand up for what I believe in.

Bob Nash, Barry

Clear up dogs' mess

PLEASE can the owner(s) of the dog(s) who persistently allow their pet to foul the pavements in Welford/Clifton and Canon Street, West End, Barry, do the decent thing and remove the faeces from the pavement, so we do not have to remove it from our carpets and toddlers' shoes etc? Thank you.
(Name and address supplied)

No change in planning policy

THE article regarding Coun Nic Hodges' campaign gives the impression that the Vale Council has recently changed its policy regarding speaking at planning committee meetings.

This is not correct; the policy has not changed since I was elected to the council in 1999 and, as far as I am aware, since Coun Hodges' election before then.

It is only in the last 12

months that Coun Hodges has raised this issue. Why did he not do so when he was a member of the coalition administration, particularly as his Plaid Cymru colleague, Chris Williams, was the cabinet member for planning and no doubt would have been sympathetic to his views?

He is now asking the Assembly to ignore the council's decision and impose his views on it.

This seems to smack of socialist central control over democratic local decision-making.
Coun Gordon Kemp Leader, Vale Council

'Show support for town appeal'

INOTE from recent reports in The GEM that Alun Cairns AM is playing an active part in the flooding issues at Llantwit Major; however, Mr Cairns has not come out with support for saving a very much needed facility in the town – the cashier's office, which his Conservative colleagues on the Vale Council intend to close.

If Mr Cairns has the interests of people at heart, he will support them – and show his support by taking up the case to save the cashier's office, by making his views known to the Conservative cabinet on the council.

Come on Mr Cairns, if you claim to support people in Llantwit Major, this is your chance to show them.

I am sure you will be looking for their support next year in the parliamentary election.
Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

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Temporary Road Closure Order, Section 16A

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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Saturday 28th November 2009

Order Under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulations Act For the prevention of obstruction etc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should on 28th November 2009 be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, HEREBY ORDERS AND DIRECTS in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:

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SCHEDULE 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 28th November 2009	The area to be closed is Holton Road, Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street	18.00 - 19.30

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The 'too weak to walk' benefits cheat who ran in Cardiff Race for Life

A BENEFITS cheat was filmed running the Race For Life with thousands of other women in Cardiff Castle – despite claiming more than £20,000 for being 'too weak to walk'.

Susan Hutchinson (56) of Barry, fiddled disability cash, saying it took her 15 minutes to walk 100 yards because of asthma, joint pain and a weak bladder.

Cardiff Crown Court heard fraud investigators caught her on video camera smiling as she ran around the 5km course in her jogging gear.

Prosecutor Tom Crowther said: "She finished in an hour and a half – a far cry from her disclosure saying she could walk 100 yards in no less than 15 minutes. If this was true, the circuit would take her no less than 13 hours."

Undercover officials from the Department of Work and Pensions also filmed her on a gruelling workout in a women-only gym.

The court heard she led a double life – one as invalid Susan Hutchinson, crippled with pain – and the other as Susan Johnson, a superfit gym member working 12-hour shifts.

Prosecutor Tom Crowther said: "She used two identities to fraudulently claim more than £23,000."

"Hutchinson also used the surname of Johnson and by that name she was active, healthy and was habitually at the local gym in the early morning. She also worked 12-hour shifts in a care home."

"By her first name of Hutchinson she was known by the DWP and local council as crippled by disability and unable to live any existence."

She started claiming disability living allowance three years ago saying she was "asthmatic, suffering joint pain and had severe

bladder problems." Mr Crowther said: "She said she could barely walk through dizziness, she couldn't shop and was in no fit state to carry a bag of shopping. She claimed she could fall and stumble at any point."

Cardiff Crown Court heard that the benefits fraud investigators began probing her case after a tip-off.

Mr Crowther said: "They watched her leave her home before 7am to go to the local gym. They followed her inside and watched her do a comprehensive circuit of the machines available for over an hour, not hampered by dizziness, joint pains nor her bladder."

"She would then go shopping to Morrisons, parking in the disabled bay, and undertake a leisurely shop."

Mother-of-three Hutchinson was filmed running the 5km Race for Life this year in the grounds of Cardiff Castle.

Hutchinson admitted six charges of fraud and two of theft, totalling £23,238.16.

Susan Ferrier, defending, said: "This isn't a woman living the life of luxury, with sports cars and designer clothes. She lives in a council house with her son."

"Her husband had left her with many debts." Judge Peter Roach sentenced her to eight weeks' jail, but suspended it for 15 months.

He said: "These offences illustrate a deliberate and determined course of conduct where you fraudulently claimed over £20,000."

The court heard she has begun repaying the money she claimed in

income support, rent and disability living allowance.

A spokesman for the DWP said: "She fraudulently claimed more than £23,000 in benefits, including income support and disability living allowance."

"This is reserved for the most severely disabled members of society, who are either unable to walk, or virtually unable to walk."

DWP fraud investigator Jane Griffiths was among the runners and filmed Hutchinson smiling as she tackled the run.

Miss Griffiths said: "I filmed her among the crowd and I later challenged her, when she admitted taking part in the run."

Vale school a 'shining example' to the others

YSGOL Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry was named as the region's top school when it comes to the use of technology, at Becta's ICT Excellence Awards 2009.

The prestigious accolade of 'Best Whole School' is awarded to just one school in the region annually.

The Vale's only Welsh-medium comprehensive beat off stiff competition to collect the award at Bristol's newest science venue, At-Bristol, on November 19.

Teaching staff had to demonstrate they have successfully placed technology at the heart of both learning and wider school management.

By helping to enhance teaching and bringing lessons to life, the school has shown clearly how technology makes a difference, not just in the classroom, but at home within the family, and across other school activities.

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg impressed the judges by its collaboration with a local company to develop a high-tech system that allows teachers to assess, track, record and set targets for students to help them fulfil their potential.

Stephen Crowne, chief executive of Becta, said: "We believe that integrating technology across the entire curriculum – not just using it in ICT lessons – is essential to higher achieve-

ment in schools and it makes lessons and learning more enjoyable and rewarding."

"The ICT Excellence Awards are a fantastic way to show just what can be achieved to boost the achievements of young people using technology. It is a great pleasure to reward the hard work of all schools that entered."

"Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg is a shining example of what can be done. Becta is committed to helping schools achieve similar results so that all learners have the opportunity to get the most from their time at school."

On winning the award, Dilwyn Owen, ICT subject leader at Bro Morgannwg, said: "We are delighted to have won the award and it is an honour to be the first Welsh-speaking school to have done so."

"The achievement of a national award confirms that our commitment and investment in ICT is having a huge impact on the opportunities we offer our pupils. It also reflects the dedication shown by all our staff in embracing ICT."

"We would like to thank all the teachers at Bro Morgannwg for their willingness to embrace ICT, the pupils for pushing the boundaries and wanting more from ICT, the parents for their support in all that we have done and the governors for the financial guidance to make it all work."

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Saturday 5, 12 & 19 December, from 11am to 4pm

Travel in style to the Winter Wonderland! 'Barry Rail Centre - Tourist Railway' will be running a Christmas themed diesel train from the Good Shed Waterfront Station to the Barry Island Station. Free parking will be available at the Good Shed site. Cost will apply for travel and ticket includes refreshments.

For further details please call the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Events Officer on 01446 704737 or go online at www.visitthevale.com



MISS WALES GOES BACK TO HER OLD SCHOOL!



MISS WALES, Lucy Whitehouse of Barry, has visited her old school (Holton Primary) before jetting off to South Africa for the Miss World Pageant.

She was welcomed by headmaster Andrew Gilbert who said: "The children were delighted to meet Lucy, and had prepared letters for her to take out to a school in Johannesburg."

world pen pal initiative' and, hopefully, we will have a good response from the children and learn all about their lives in South Africa."

Lucy commented: "The year-4 pupils were wonderful and keen to find out all about my role as Miss Wales. I am looking forward to returning to the school in the New Year to work with the children raising funds for The Joshua Foundation."

ABOVE:
Miss Wales (Lucy Whitehouse) is pictured during her visit to Holton Primary, with year-4 pupils and head Andrew Gilbert.

AM's airport jobs fear

FOLLOWING news that low cost airline bmibaby is to reduce operations around the UK, Vale AM Jane Hutt, has expressed concern for the future of Cardiff Airport and for those who may be facing redundancies.

"I was very sorry to hear about these losses at our airport, especially given the extensive list of destinations offered by bmibaby airline from Cardiff. I hope that discussions with staff and union representatives at the airport will help minimise job losses," she said this week.

Roadworks report

Pontypridd Street – junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place.
Church Road, Bridge Street, Cowbridge Street, Barry – traffic barriers in place; carriageway width restrictions.

Buttrills Road, junction with Broad Street, Barry – temporary traffic control.
Weston Square tunnel, Cardiff Road, Barry – ongoing road closure.

Labour candidate pledges to pay for an expenses audit

LABOUR'S parliamentary candidate for the Vale, Alana Davies, has pledged that if elected to Parliament, each year she will pay out of her own pocket for an independent audit of her expenses.

Alana Davies said: "People are rightly concerned about politicians' expenses. I am committed to being totally transparent. That's why I'm making the commitment that, if elected to Parliament, as well as publishing online details of my expenses for people



Alana Davies.

ple here in the Vale to see for themselves how I spend taxpayers' money, each year I will pay out of my own pocket for an audit, independent of Parliament, of my parliamentary expenses.

"If the individual conducting the independent audit believes that I am guilty of financial misconduct, the matter will be referred to the new Commissioner for Parliamentary Investigations, who will have the power to investigate allegations of misuse of parliamentary allowances.

"I hope that this will help to demonstrate that my interests revolve solely around the people in the Vale, and representing them in Westminster, and that I will be open and honest with them at all times," Mrs Davies added.

Tory candidate wins top business award

W E L S H Conservative AM and Vale parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns has been presented with an award for the greatest contribution in supporting business in south Wales, at the South Wales Business Awards.



Alun Cairns picks up his award.

The award ceremony was held at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, and nominations were made and voted on by businesses across south Wales. The event was hosted by BBC presenter,

Sara Edwards. Mr Cairns said: "All I've done is try to put a bit of oil there to try and push bureaucracy along, bring different people together and get answers from Ministers and officials. "Business people are the ones who take all the risks. They are the ones who generate the wealth, create prosperity, and provide jobs."

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Swine flu message to priority groups is get vaccinated!

THE number of swine flu cases is gradually rising in Wales as we experience the second wave of the pandemic.

The vast majority who catch the virus should recover within five to seven days with rest, plenty of fluids and paracetamol.

However, there are groups of people who are more likely to suffer from severe symptoms or complications from the virus, and in some cases even death.

The priority groups are those with chronic conditions, those in the seasonal flu vaccine at-risk groups, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women.

Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems – for example, people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer – are also being prioritised for vaccination.

The vaccine will prevent those most at risk from potentially developing severe illnesses from the virus.

The vaccine has been tested and licensed in the normal way and is the safest, simplest and most effective way of protecting people's health from the swine flu virus.

The vaccination programme will take a few weeks to roll out. Once

by DR TONY JEWELL
Chief Medical Officer for Wales

your local GP practice receives supplies of the vaccine, they will contact those in the priority groups to invite them to be vaccinated at their surgery.

If you are not sure whether you are in a priority group, you can find out more at www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu or by calling the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If this is still not clear, contact your GP practice.

We are also vaccinating frontline health and social care workers to ensure that we continue to care for the most vulnerable people in the community.

Once the vaccine has been given to those in the priority groups, it will then be offered to more people. We are currently discussing who should be included in the next phase of the

vaccination programme as supplies become available.

It is important to stress that the swine flu vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine that's offered every year.

The seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against swine flu and vice versa.

People who are usually advised to have the seasonal flu vaccination should have it. They may also be offered the swine flu vaccine as well.

The seasonal flu and the swine flu vaccines can be given at the same time.

Vaccination is the best way to ensure protection for yourself, and others, from flu. That's why I'm urging all those who are in a priority group to get vaccinated.

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Mayor gives the Sparks children's charity a 'fantastic' caffeine boost!

THE Sparks children's charity which is trying to form a local committee, has benefited from a coffee morning hosted by Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams.

Anyone interested in helping to form a Vale committee can contact community fundraiser (Wales) Nia Williams on 07852 451111, or visit their website www.sparks.org.uk

Nia said: "We are seeking to form a local committee, so would like to say a huge thank you to Coun Williams for allowing us to benefit from the coffee morning."

"We raised a fantastic £224, which will help babies to be born healthy and stay healthy. The money is helping Sparks to be there for the children and families who need us now and in the future."



Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and the mayoress, his wife, Joan, with Nia Williams, community fundraiser (Wales) for Sparks, and former international soccer referee Clive Thomas, one of the charity's celebrity supporters.

Life Savers' AGM

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Aberthaw war memorials

LAFARGE Cement will be holding a very unusual ceremony at their Aberthaw Works in the Vale on Wednesday, November 25.

A pair of war memorial plaques, which were discovered at the plant almost two years ago, will be re-dedicated in a service attended by relatives of the former cement workers named on the roll of honour.

The story of the forgotten plaques began in 2007 when staff member Rolly Hughes discovered the two war memorials in an old disused building and persuaded plant bosses not only to restore the plaques to their former glory, but also to piece together the history of the six men named on them.

HR officer Ruth

Tofton and Rolly have been successful in uncovering the stories behind the names.

"It's been a long but fascinating journey," said Ruth. "We gleaned information from lots of sources, but the personal details came from the accounts of friends and relatives who came forward after we appealed for help."

Through the efforts of Lafarge and local head teacher and war history enthusiast Dr Jonathan Hicks, the relatives of all but one of the men have been traced and will be travelling from all over the UK to attend next week's rededication service.

With the details that have been collected, Lafarge has created an information board to stand beside the refurbished memorials.

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Cowbridge RFC under-10s sweep past Dinas Powys in Blues Cup

DUE to the monsoon conditions of the previous week, the Blues Cup fixture against Dinas Powys was switched at the last minute to Corntown Cricket Club. Thankfully, the conditions were perfect as the match kicked off.

The Cowbridge forwards were soon recycling good quick ball for the half backs and after a series of phases, Evan Williams went over in the corner for the opener.

Dinas then kicked the ball dead from the restart, gifting Cowbridge a scrum on halfway. The ball was moved wide for Evan Williams who cut inside looking for support. The forwards drove over and Jac Roberts spotted a gap on the blind side to extend the lead.

Despite a two-try deficit, Dinas continued to press, with their forwards particularly impressive. However, with Bevan Howells and Jac Roberts in imperious form, the majority of ball was coming back on the Cowbridge side.

Once again after a succession of excellent rucks, Ioan Lewis released the excellent Rhydian Williams, who

burst past the defence to secure a 15-0 half time lead.

The second half saw Cowbridge move into top gear. The forwards were dominating the break down area and the rucking and ball presentation was excellent.

Ioan Lewis was enjoying the extra time at the base and released the impressive Rhys Bradshaw to score the fourth try. Dinas continued to compete up front but they could not cope with the driving of Max Lucas, Max Cunningham and Cameron Roy.

The backs were enjoying an endless supply of quality ball and Evan Williams once again outpaced the defence to extend the lead. The marauding Bevan Howells then added the sixth, quickly followed by an excellent drive over from Max Cunningham.

Understandably, the Dinas defence began to falter as the wave of Cowbridge attacks continued. After a superb move that saw the ball transferred from one touchline to the other, Evan Williams touched down to complete his hat-trick.

Not to be outdone, his fellow wing Elliot Bancroft added the next with a powerful burst through the defence.

One more try and the game would be over and the excellent Evan Williams finished proceedings with his fourth try of the match.

Final score: Cowbridge 50, Dinas Powys 0.

After the Firsts had recorded such an impressive win, all eyes fell on the development side. From the start the boys took a grip on the game and set about playing an open, fluent brand of rugby.

The forwards recycled good ball allowing James Guard to go over for the opener. In what would be a trend for the day, the restart was gathered by Luke Beattie, who powered past some tentative tackles to double the lead. The Cowbridge boys were proving to have the edge all over the paddock and Angus James benefited from some weak opposition tackling to run in the next score.

Sam Corkill then added the next two scores with his trademark aggressive ball carrying. Cowbridge added two more from James Guard and Angus James, both from kick returns for a half time lead of Cowbridge 35 Dinas Powys 0.

The second half saw a much more committed performance from the visitors, with their tack-



Cowbridge under-10s in Blues Cup action.

ling improving dramatically. However, the first try of the second half would see the fourth kick return and Angus James' third try of the match.

Max Cunningham then showed an impressive change of pace to add the next try before Dinas touched down for the first time in the match. Max once again found space on the blind side and powered over before Dinas finished off an excellent move to double their score.

William Davies then rounded off an impressive performance with a superb solo effort. On the whistle Dinas drove over the line to leave a final score of

Cowbridge 55, Dinas Powys 15.

In the first game Bevan Howells, Jac Roberts, Ioan Lewis, Rhys Bradshaw and in particular Evan Williams were magnificent.

However, the man of the match went to Max Lucas, who blossomed from wannabe winger in to fearsome front rower.

His work rate and driving at the ruck area were outstanding.

IN the development fixture, it was a similar story with all the boys stepping up to the mark.

Man of the match went to Luke Beattie who was superb in both attack and defence.

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The Christmas Charm of Cowbridge

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COWBRIDGE - AN OASIS OF CALM AMID THE CHRISTMAS FRENZY!

FOR festive shoppers dreading the annual nightmare of having to battle through congested city centre stores, laid-back Cowbridge offers a stress-free solution to the Christmas frenzy.

The point about this historic Vale market town is that it does not exist simply to attract shoppers – although they, along with other visitors, are always made welcome.

It is a 'genuine' town, not some faceless adjunct to a large metropolis – where people live, work and go to school, and where a host of local organisations join together for the good of the community.

For example, it has worked hard to preserve the timeless character

of its main street, and to ensure that local shoppers and visitors are not confronted by the same old retail giants that dominate the scene elsewhere.

Instead, many of the shops are still owned and run by entrepreneurs, eager to put their personal stamp on their business by choosing stock that is notably different, or by offering services that are not always available elsewhere.

The result is that in Cowbridge every store is proud of its individual touch.

However, that impressive main street through the town is just the start as far as Cowbridge is concerned.

Some shops have developed backwards or upwards, so that many are a little like the Tardis – with so much to see behind a modest facade.

Similarly, the little alleys and walkways that spring from the main artery through the town like so many capillaries, offer a home to dozens more businesses, all offering something different.

Wander down one side alley and you will find a range of arts and crafts; down another there will be distinctive Christmas gifts; in the next there will be a café or beer garden – or a chocolatiere, or a fashion shop, or an antique specialist... *The list goes on...*

What is more, because this mellow rural town lends itself to a meandering shopping experience, with no stress or time pressure, cafes, pubs and restaurants have all found it a great place to do business.

The businesses, in many ways, are interdependent, with each feeding off the success

PHILIP IRWIN extols the virtues of a town where community values still count

of the others. It is tempting to look at Cowbridge and say that it has all happened by accident, but that would be well wide of the mark. The retail shape of the town – and the fact that it is such a popular place to visit, is down to a number of key organisations.

The town council, for instance, is a body that sees the preservation of Cowbridge's distinctiveness as its main priority. In some town councils, there is more than a little political infighting – but it is fair to say that Cowbridge is relatively free of that.

There are, of course, different political parties represented on the council, but time is rarely wasted on point

scoring. Debates can be heated, but the point at issue is always whether the town will benefit from any project or plan.

Another organisation that works very hard for the town is the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade.

Again, there is precious little hand-wringing about the good old days, or moaning about supposed advantages given to rival traders elsewhere.

The focus of the organisation is on raising the profile of the town, and on seeing what it can do to make things happen.

And, thanks to the chamber of trade, plenty of things do happen in the town... The annual reindeer day parade (just around the

corner now on November 29) has become an absolute must on the pre-Christmas calendar – as young children get the chance to get close to a real live reindeer (and a real live Santa!).

Things don't just happen at Christmas time, of course. It is only a few weeks since the town was buzzing as it hosted its annual Food and Drink Festival – an event that has clearly gone from strength-to-strength in recent years.

Fashion Week, which moved this year from the spring to the autumn, is another popular event that both raises the profile of the town, and gives visitors something special to remember the town by.

It was an event that was enthusiastically backed by chamber of trade members and, as a real bonus, it raised a

sizeable amount of cash for Ty Hafan children's hospice.

Yet another group that has done great work for the town is the Cowbridge Charter Trust – and their achievements are impressive.

Those involved in the trust have used their expertise to identify areas in the town that are eligible for grant aid – and they then tackle the often labyrinthine task of satisfying the red tape requirements of grant-awarding bodies.

A current example of what they can achieve for the town, is the work that is currently under way on repairing the historic (but in parts delapidated) town walls.

However, the most impressive project, in which the trust was a key partner, has to be the town's physic garden, which has become

a peaceful haven in the bustling town, with its geometric gardens and a wealth of information about the medicinal qualities of the many plants to be found there.

Of course, community projects such as the physic garden come about through a number of partners working together, and Creative Rural Communities, the Vale Council's body that funnels grant aid to the rural Vale had a big part to play in this.

Finally, the garden was able to be completed – with a fountain, pergolas, and other items, thanks to sponsorship from local people and businesses who wanted to lend their own support – again demonstrating the town's close sense of community.



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Winning entries will be displayed at the Downs Christmas Tree site.

The closing date for entries is **Wednesday, December 9.**

The winner of each section will be able to choose a Christmas tree to a maximum value of £40 on Saturday, December 12.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

REINDEER PARADE WILL LAUNCH A TRADITIONAL COWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS!

THE Cowbridge Reindeer Parade, which this year takes place on Sunday, November 29, has traditionally marked the launch of Christmas events and activities in the town – and this year is no exception.

Once the reindeer have returned home to the far north, there will be plenty more to see and do in December.

However, the parade has established itself as an event that really gets

the young children excited, and it will be following the tried and tested format.

The chairman of the chamber of trade, Alun John, told **The GEM**: "There will be music from the stage outside the town hall from 11am – all leading up to the parade, which starts at noon."

The parade should return to the town hall by 12.45pm, and Santa will be saying a few words of welcome before retiring to his grotto to await visiting children.

The reindeer will be in a pen behind the town

hall so that children can get a close-up look. Also, in the Arthur John car park, there will be a fair throughout the day.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be a mixture of live acts and music on the stage, before the official switch-on of the town's Christmas lights, which this year will be carried out by TV newsreader Lucy Owen, at 5pm.

Alun John added: "I think this is an event that shows the town in a great light, with the chamber of trade and a range of voluntary organisations working together.

"The chamber pays for the reindeer – it is our thank you to our customers, and the event is free.

"There will be collectors, but any donations will be distributed to Lions' charities."

Following on rapidly from the reindeer parade, traders are getting together to present a 'traditional shopping night' on Thursday, December 3.

Awen Evans of the chamber of trade told

The GEM: "A late night opening evening during the recent fashion week was a great success, so we are planning something similar – but with a Christmas flavour.

"Some shops will be offering mulled wine, and there should be a hot chestnut stall. Other shops are planning their own way of welcoming Christmas customers."

She said that the organisers were in the process of arranging a charity gift-wrapping service.

She added: "We want to recreate the atmosphere of a really traditional Christmas shopping experience in the town."

Finally, throughout the month of December, the chamber of trade is throwing its weight behind a campaign to encourage as many shops as possible to open on the Sundays.

Alun John said: "We are really keen on making December special this year, and I am urging all traders to promote their business by joining us in opening."

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A Christmas message from the town mayor

THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, has extended a warm welcome to everyone visiting the town during the run-up to Christmas.

He said: "The town is

once again looking forward to Christmas and our celebrations start with the switching on of the lights on Sunday, November 29.

"Newsreader Lucy Owen will be our celebrity guest at the switching-on."

Coun Harris welcomed all children to Cowbridge to see Father Christmas arrive in his sleigh, pulled by real reindeer. They go right through the town to give everyone a chance to see them and are a source of huge delight.

After the parade, Father Christmas goes to his grotto at the Town Hall.

Coun Harris said that traders always put on a spectacular show at Christmas.

He added: "Although there's no doubt that some have found trading difficult lately, Cowbridge has stood up well and we look forward with increasing confidence to the future and to Cowbridge maintaining its unique position in the Vale."

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Personal service makes all the difference!

IT may be something of a cliché, but traders in Cowbridge reckon that the personal service they offer customers really

does matter.

As the town gets ready for Christmas, traders told The GEM they are optimistic that Cowbridge will draw people in because of the quality and variety of

shopping on offer.

Although the town is in direct competition with the big new stores just opening in Cardiff, the view was that people have gone along to see what's on offer but have

by JAYNE ISAAC

been unimpressed.

"We offer personal service to our customers who cannot find it in the larger city centre department stores," said Emma Hartmann of High Society and Havana.

"We are fighting back and the one thing that is key is the fact that we know many of our customers and can offer them a level of service which larger shops cannot match."

Emma, who is secretary of the Chamber of Trade, said that there was a buzz among traders who have been busy promoting the town.

"People are very positive. We have had a difficult year but things are definitely picking up."

"Our events have been a success and our

next one will be the late night shopping on December 3, when all participating shops will be offering mulled wine and mince pies plus some live music to shoppers.

"I know this will be a great evening for everyone."

From November 29, there will be Sunday opening in the town and it is hoped that more shops than ever will join in, so that visitors can enjoy a worthwhile shopping experience.

"We also have some new shops opening up," said Emma. "A new boutique has opened in Eastgate, which will help draw people up to that end of town and I know other empty premises have been taken over and are due to re-open."

Julie Union, manager of Colours, said that the shop was drawing in people from a wide area, as far afield as Swansea:

"Business is building

up for Christmas. People have started buying their party frocks but we are also getting people looking for wedding outfits, as winter weddings seem to be more popular."

Sue Marshall of the Lois boutique said that she had been busy and trade was building up.

"People are buying party clothes, but also quite a lot of casual clothes, and knitwear is very big this year," she added.

"The town itself seems quite busy, despite the awful weather we have had in the past few days. I am looking forward to Christmas."

"The boutique has been in Cowbridge for 40 years so it has weathered recessions in the past. I took it over two years ago."

Olwen Anderson, who owns the Celtic Knot Welsh gift shop, said that it had been a dreadful year, but her business was now improving.

"There is the start of a turn around. People have

been afraid of spending because of uncertainty about the economy but despite that, we have held our own."

"Things are picking up and people have started shopping for Christmas presents."

The Chamber of Trade is now working with Creative Rural Communities to market Cowbridge and ideas being considered include encouraging more shopping trips to the town as

part of a tourism drive which would also benefit restaurants, hotels and attractions like the physic garden.

And it is hoped to get every business in the town to start its January sale on the same day so that there can be a full-scale launch.

"If everyone has a sale together, we can market Cowbridge very effectively and draw in the bargain hunters," a spokeswoman added.



Santa will soon be on his way to Cowbridge for the annual Reindeer Parade (see left for full details).

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Thinking of starting your own business? Cowbridge group are on the look-out for young entrepreneurs

THE Cowbridge-based group Creative Rural Communities (CRC) specialises in making funding available for projects that can improve the rural Vale.

The GEM asked Nia Hollins of CRC to give one example of its work, and she chose to highlight a project

that can help young entrepreneurs make a start in business.

She wrote: CHRISTMAS is the time to slow down, relax and obviously eat a mince pie or two!

Before you know it, the build up to the New Year begins, you may begin to contemplate what the year ahead will bring.

How about realising that dream of being your own boss?

The 'Inspiring the Vale Bursaries' is a grant scheme to help the young people of the rural Vale set up in business.

Are you a budding entrepreneur who has the ambition and drive to run your own business? Perhaps a friend or a member of your family has an idea to start up their own business?

Up to £3,000 is available to set up a business or community enterprise in the rural area. The bursaries are available to individuals or groups, to support full-time, part-time or even spare-time ventures.

All applicants must be aged 30 or below and either currently live, or

have lived in the rural Vale in the past five years.

The project has received funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013, which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Creative Rural Communities is a regeneration and economic development initiative led by the Vale Council in partnership with various public, private and voluntary sector organisations.

To find out more about the scheme, contact Nia Hollins on 01446 775388 or email nhollins@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

A good cause for Christmas



National charities benefit from the card sales.

THE Cards for Good Causes shop in Cowbridge has opened its doors and is doing brisk business.

The shop sells charity cards from a variety of national charities plus "guest" local charities that each shop can choose itself.

The shop in Cowbridge is held in part of Old Hall and has its own door onto the high street.

One of those who organise this is Georgina Glover, who said that Old Hall had been very accommodating to the organisation over the years.

"We have our regular customers who know

where to find us," she said. "We also have a high profile because we have our board and banner outside. We are having new people call in as well as long standing supporters."

The organisation donates 75p in every £1 to the charities involved, keeping the rest for overheads. All the staff are unpaid volunteers.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-4pm and will trade until December 15.

"We have terrific support and take more money than many of the other shops in bigger towns," added Mrs Glover. "We are very grateful to everyone who uses our shop to buy their cards."

Rhosee burglary: police issue appeal

POLICE in the Vale are investigating a burglary which occurred at around 10.15pm on Sunday, November 15, at a house on Readers Way in Rhosee.

The thief gained access to the house through an unlocked front door and left with a wallet and a mobile phone.

Detective Constable Lee Davies of Barry CID said: "We have had reports of four young men in their late teens or early 20s who were seen in the vicinity of Readers Way and Heol Peartree in Rhosee.

"We would like to hear from anyone who may

have seen any suspicious people in the area on Sunday night. We also believe these four men travelled to and from the area in a motor car.

"One of the men was wearing a grey hooded top with black horizontal stripes, the second was wearing a dark top with a single white stripe down each sleeve and the other two were also wearing dark coloured tops."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Constable Lee Davies at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

MP calls for traffic lights on Barry road

VALE MP, John Smith, has called on the Vale Council to install traffic lights on Barry Docks Link Road to improve safety.

Mr Smith told The GEM: "While the Vale Council has already taken some action to reduce the dangers on this vital road link, they should immediately commit some of their large financial reserves to install traffic lights at the dangerous junctions at Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane.

"For a Vale officer to indicate that traffic lights could result in minor rear end shunts between cars at such a junction when there have been serious accidents at this junction is unbelievable."

Mr Smith said he supported the work of local councillors Neil Moore, Anne Moore and Fred Johnson in highlighting safety issues.

He said: "The Vale Council had over £40 million in its reserves last year. Surely a set of traffic lights and a suitable roundabout would not reduce these reserves to a dangerous level.

"If the council feels that it cannot spend its reserves, then why not cancel the proposed Dinas Powys Bus Lane?"

"There is strong local opposition to the bus lane from Dinas Powys Community Council, many local residents and others.

"Recent reports to the council indicate that this scheme does not qualify for a transport grant and the officers are seeking alternative funding for this unwanted scheme. I believe saving lives on

the Barry Docks Link Road is more important than helping a bus to keep to its timetable."

Miles Punter, the Vale's head of visible services, told The GEM: "The council's cabinet recently allocated a sum of £30,000 to introduce a lay-by for police speed checks and a surveillance camera on the Docks Link Road.

"The cabinet also agreed a sum of £20,000 to undertake a study of the Coldbrook Road East and Argae Lane junctions to establish the options available to improve safety at these particular locations.

"The cabinet will be asked to consider the outcome of this study early next year and to take decisions on any funding implications."

Mr Punter added: "The bus lane works at the Merrie Harrier complete the junction improvements scheme at this location. It would not be possible to use the funding required for the conclusion of this scheme to fund works on the Docks Link Road.

This particular funding is provided by the Welsh Assembly Government, specifically in support of this scheme."

VOLUNTEER SURGERIES
The Volunteer Bureau will hold an outreach surgery to offer advice and information on the 700+ different volunteering opportunities in the area.

The surgery at Rhosee Library, on Friday, November 20, is at 10am-12pm; the one at Cowbridge Library, on Saturday, November 21, is at 1.30pm-2.30pm.

COMPUTER CLUB
The next meeting of Penarth Computer Club is on November 24, at 8pm, in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Mike F will be showing Microsoft Publisher in use.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information telephone Howard on 02920 408439.

2012 IS A BOMBASTIC SLICE OF DISASTER ENTERTAINMENT!

THERE are seemingly fewer directors that have such a misanthropic attitude than that of Roland Emmerich.

The German helmer seems to take great delight in placing the human race in all kinds of peril, from the alien invasion of *Independence Day* to the extreme weather conditions of *The Day After Tomorrow*.

His latest film, *2012*, is less a fictional account of the London Olympics, and more about the ancient Mayan prophecy that the world will end in the titular year.

John Cusack, Danny Glover, Amanda Peet, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Woody Harrelson are among those who must battle against the elements as the future of the human race diminishes at an alarming rate...

God bless Roland Emmerich. While film studios buckle under the financial weight of producing blockbuster movies that may or may not recoup the costs involved, the director is renowned for running a tight ship, his films having smaller budgets than many other big event films.

Not that you would know it from watching *2012*, a film so stupendously reliant on effects that the slightest misstep could derail the whole thing, but one that not only looks excellent, but is also Emmerich's strongest work in a long time.

The director isn't shy about bringing a bombastic element to the screen, and here he wreaks carnage on a level unseen in any of his previous works – think the aliens blowing up the White House in *Independence Day* was dramatic? Wait until you see (ironically enough) the *USS John F Kennedy* go careering through the Oval office on the crest of a tsunami; subtlety is a word Emmerich positively ignores.

Thankfully, he shows enough presence of mind to go beyond merely being brash for the sake of it, allowing the destruction on show to

be married to a narrative that certainly comes with a second-hand, and somewhat silly, feel.

He may make the occasional mis-step here and there, with a slow pace post-blowing-everything-up and being unable to self-edit, with the film crashing in at the rather overlong time of 158 minutes; but amid the carnage he gives ample time to the human interest of the story.

Indeed, the director doesn't do a bad job in the quieter moments, giving his well put-together cast the opportunity to do more than simply react to bangs and crashes.

Leading the pack are John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor, the former bringing his laconic charm and dependability to a familiar and well worn role.

It's almost a staple of the genre to find a divorced dad reconnecting with his wife and/or children, but Cusack takes a path well trodden and offers something, if not new, then certainly memorable enough to avoid falling into predictable cliché (apart from when the story demands of course!).

The latter brings a wonderful sense of gravity to the role as the man who knows just what is going to happen unless steps are taken, and delivers a turn that will hopefully give the talented Brit even more of a reputation, anchoring the film with a strong turn.

An array of supporting actors all do a fine job with varying amounts of screen time. Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Oliver Platt (the latter particularly slimy as the film's concessionary villain) all giving good turns; but the real star of the show is the effects, and as superb as they are, the cast deserve credit for giving the film a little more depth than your average crash 'n' bang film.

Emmerich's script, co-written with his 10,000 BC partner in crime Harald Kloser, may eschew logic for story-line purposes (have no fear, though the world may be on verge of collapse you can still use your mobile phones), but

follows the disaster-movie template with flair, throwing in a clever update that Noah would certainly be proud of and giving the third act a degree of momentum by switching to moral conundrum rather than have characters running away from yet another shifting land-mass.

Certainly, all the ingredients are patently ludicrous, the visuals over the top, the characters and narrative turns clichéd and an overall feeling of bombast for the sake of it – yet Emmerich still manages to steer it into an end product that is undoubtedly entertaining.

Its cinematic worth may be nil, but ultimately what counts is whether or not a film can entertain at its most basic level – and *2012* manages that with aplomb.

VERDICT – Daft, and

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

verging on the ludicrous, but no less entertaining for it, *2012* is another Roland Emmerich special, marrying bombastic (but perfectly rendered) visuals within the traditional genre template.

It loses points for a ponderous middle and bloated running time, but as a disposable piece of popcorn entertainment it's hard to argue with. Enjoyable.

Henri says farewell to his flowing locks

A VALE student will soon be saying goodbye to a fine head of hair – and he will be making the sacrifice to raise funds for Ty Hafan.



Henri Armelin.

To celebrate Ty Hafan's 10th anniversary, a local sixth form student, Henri Armelin, is looking for support and sponsorship for his 'Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow' event, which is scheduled for November 27.

Henri plans to lose all his much loved locks to raise cash for the hospice.

He told The GEM: "I am sure my friends will give me some stick after it's cut, but if I can raise some serious cash for Ty Hafan, it will be worth it."

"Besides, a haircut is nothing compared to what the kids in the hospice go through, and kids with cancer often lose all their hair when they have chemotherapy."

Stas Asprou of Asprou Gents Hairdressers in Broad Street, Barry, will perform the hair-raising event – which is planned as a fun showpiece at the Christmas Fayre at Westbourne School, Penarth, on Friday, November 27.

In the meantime, Henri plans to canvass everyone he knows to support the big chop.

He said: "I've already written to many local companies, and to the

director of rugby at the Cardiff Blues, hoping some of the squad will sponsor me – especially as I'll probably end up looking like Tom Shanklin."

Henri attends Westbourne Sixth Form College, where he is studying higher level maths, Physics and chemistry for his International Baccalaureate (IB) qualification.

Mr Underhill, head-teacher at Westbourne School, said: "This is a really great idea Henri has come up with. "It demonstrates maturity, and shows a responsible attitude towards the local community, two attributes the IB programme actively encourages."

"The school supports him 100 per cent. I am sure the staff and students will be queuing up to sponsor Henri!"

Should anyone like to sponsor Henri, send a cheque payable to Ty Hafan to the following address: The head-teacher; Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow sponsorship co-ordinator; Westbourne School, Hickman Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan. CF64 2AJ

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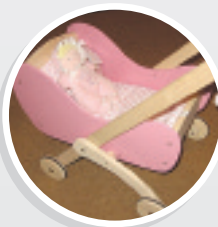
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In our five-page 'Inspirational Christmas Shopping' guide, we've highlighted some of the new businesses aiming to offer something that little bit different.

On page 18, we feature 'new concept' businesses Chaplin's and The Clothes Rail.

On page 19, High Street traders describe their battle to get their popular festive lights back for this year's Christmas shopping.

On page 20, entrepreneurs Lesley Kennedy of Spare Wardrobe and Jo Tague of Butterflies explain why they have just joined the High Street business community.

Barry's West End is famed for its friendliness and a strong community spirit, built up over many years – so when it's time to take the plunge into Christmas shopping, make sure you plan a visit to the High Street's shops.

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'NEW CONCEPT' BUSINESSES HIT BARRY'S HIGH STREET JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

PSST! Whisper it softly before everybody knows – there are two stylish new additions to High Street – Chaplin's Restaurant and Steakhouse, which is new to the dining scene, and The Clothes Rail for the seriously fashion conscious.

Just four weeks old, Chaplin's is the ideal stop-off point for West End's shoppers who want a coffee, snack or a meal.

The manager Richard Patterson explained: "We devised the restaurant around a retro theme – black and white décor, the 1930s to 1950s feel, subdued lighting, leather chairs and Tiffany lampshades – and then came up with the name Chaplin's, which seemed to reflect it all.

"We could have opened in a number of locations, but it is ideal in a road with boutiques and unique shops, rather than in an area with chain stores."

Chaplin's provides meals, snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Richard said: "We open at 9.30am and offer breakfasts starting at just £2.95. There's a lunchtime menu, and snacks to eat in or take away – jacket potatoes, baguettes, and home-made soup.

"One of our most popular deals at the moment is two meals for £8! We close from 3pm to 5pm to change the cloths and prepare for our evening clientele.

"From 5pm, we offer an *a la carte* menu with a wide range of reasonably-priced starters, main courses and deserts. We source as much as possible of our produce locally."

There's a licensed bar with a great range of draught beers, a large selection of wines, eight different types of whisky, and 12 liqueurs.

One of the great attractions of Chaplin's is its easygoing, relaxed atmosphere. Stars decorate the wall – a moody Marlon Brando, Sinatra gazes at you with assured arrogance, Marilyn Monroe adopts a flirty pose, and Humphrey Bogart swigs Gordon's Gin on The African Queen.

In the evening, rather than piped music, a pianist entertains.

Richard said: "We're already fully booked for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, providing four-course meals and entertainment.

"Lunchtimes is already getting busier – we get a mixture of groups of people, along with the person who stops off for a quick meal or snack, before getting on with the working

day."

Chaplin's is a restrained contrast to the bright lights and modern image of Cubana's next door.

So the secret is slowly getting out. For the ideal stop-off point during a busy West End shopping spree, Chaplin's is at your service!

Mother and daughter team Dawn and Emily Taylor have brought a new concept to High Street at The Clothes Rail.

The ranges they display – casual clothes, skirts, trousers, coats, jackets, funky handbags, fashion bags, accessories and shoes – are branded factory over-stocks.

Dawn said: "Because they are over-stocks we can pick them up cheap and sell them on cheap.

"We're in a period of time in which people are cost conscious and we're responding to that.

"We get some women who want two or three party dresses for the party season and we start at just £8.50 per dress!

"Emily and I like bright colours, so we've tended to go for things that will stand out and are that little bit different."

The over-stock lines include both men's and women's clothing.

Emily makes handmade jewellery, which is catching on with local youngsters.

She said: "I make individual pieces which have been inspired by the Twilight books and films. They start from as little as £4."

Each piece of jewellery is unique – one Twilight bracelet on show has heart shapes and a wolf's head.

So for an inexpensive present, that is that little bit different, The Clothes Rail on High Street is well worth a browse.



LEFT:
At your service – Chaplin's Beth Evans, front of house, and waiter Andrew Jenkins.



LEFT:
Dawn and Emily Taylor's The Clothes Rail is bringing factory over-stocks – and bargains – to the High Street.

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On Sunday morning, Floodlighting & Electrical Services Ltd and a work party of dedicated traders and shop workers, gathered in High Street and set to work erecting the lights.

Anthony added: "I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who

gave up a Sunday and got stuck in. We had a great team and after six hours of hard work, all of the lights were up. I'd also like to thank Tony Gratton (Tony's Cafe) for keeping us all fed and watered!"

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High Street and Island Road entrepreneurs bring early Christmas buzz to the West End

THE eternal optimism of High Street businesses is demonstrated by the enthusiasm of two new shop owners who are looking forward to their first Christmas in the busy West End shopping area.

Young entrepreneur Jo Tague opened her gift shop Butterflies on April 9 and although she was anticipating a struggle, has exceeded her hopes.

She explained: "When I decided to open the shop, I worked out a proper business plan, erring on the side of caution. "The response from customers was far better than my predictions.

"All I can say is if this is a recession, then roll on the good times!"

Butterflies is a 'must visit' for Christmas shopping. Jo has cards, ornaments, jewellery, figurines, Disney charac-

ter figures, the popular range of Yankee candles which give off pleasant fragrances, cuddly toys, stocking fillers, gift wrapping, Snowmen and chocolates.

Jo, aged 22, is the sort of businesswoman who is prepared to put the customers first. "I'm always here late because it is so busy. "I'll be open late nights through the week and on Sundays between both parties, with customers picking up bargains.

Lesley said: "I've always worked in fashion retail. I once had a 'nearly new' shop called 'Wardrobe' in Thompson Street in Barry, and I opened Top Shop in Dan Evans in the 1980s."

Among the designer names stocked in

have to be in excellent condition."

Clients bring in suits, coats, jackets, skirts, handbags, jewellery or shoes, agree a realistic price with Lesley and the selling figure is split 50/50 between both parties, with customers picking up bargains.

Lesley said: "I've always worked in fashion retail. I once had a 'nearly new' shop called 'Wardrobe' in Thompson Street in Barry, and I opened Top Shop in Dan Evans in the 1980s."

Among the designer names stocked in

Spare Wardrobe at the moment are Karen Millen, Windmoor, Monsoon, Wallace, Kaliko and Autograph.

Lesley said: "I re-located the shop from Holton Road just two weeks ago, and I'm looking forward to welcoming customers here, too."

RIGHT: Lesley Kennedy of Spare Wardrobe on Island Road has a number of designer name bargains stocked at her shop.



ABOVE: Young entrepreneur, Jo Tague, whose shop Butterflies has exceeded her expectations.

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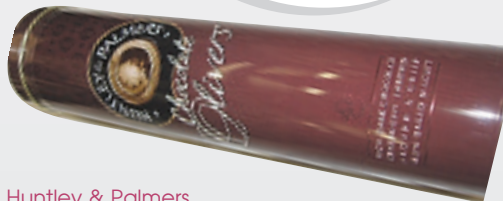


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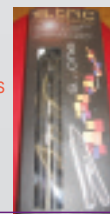
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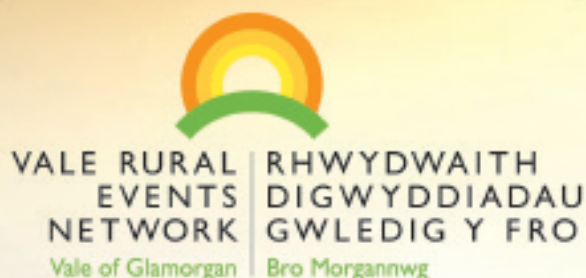
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Cross-border harmony at choir's annual concert



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The near capacity audience enjoyed a gala evening of modern and classical songs and it was a proud and memorable occasion for Dorothy Connell and the choir as it was Dorothy's first annual concert as conductor.

The choir responded to her direction with passion and control, as ever accompanied by the talented Emma Arscott.

The male voice programme included a medley of songs from the popular musical *Paint Your Wagon*, Musz I *Denn* (Wooden Heart) made famous by Elvis Presley, a selection of Welsh songs, including *Delilah* and the ever popular and inspirational hymn *Llef*.

The Orwell Singers conducted by Gloria Wilson and accompanied by Sylvia Davies, sang with fine tone and control. Their programme included a selection of Songs from the Shows, *The Sound of Silence* by Paul Simon, Negro Spirituals and a moving African Medley.

The combined Barry Male Voice and the Orwell Singers.

Both choirs combined to provide sensitive harmonious renderings of John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*, and Howard Goodall's *Love Divine*.

The concert ended with a multilingual composition *Hwyl Fawr Ffrindiau* (Goodbye friends) written and arranged by Dorothy Connell.

This song expressed the genuine feeling of regret, later expressed on the departure of the Orwell Singers after a very enjoyable afterglow held after the concert.

The Barry Male Voice and following last year's enjoyable visit to Scotland, is now preparing for a concert tour of southern Ireland. The choir is a strong fellowship of very sociable men sharing a common interest of music and song. Its motto remains 'Friendship through Music'.

New members and visitors are always welcome at practice held every Monday and Thursday at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry, at 7.30pm. Singing experience is not required; membership requires nothing more than an interest in music and singing and a determination to enjoy oneself!

Further information can be obtained from John Rees Davies, Secretary 01446 746387. GARETH JONES

Diversity celebrated

BARRY College highlights the cultural diversity of south Wales later this month with a special week of events.

The college's Multicultural Week starts on November 23 and events include a visit from Show Racism the Red Card, which will hold in class exercises with Barry College football team, the FEDS, to emphasise teamwork and "sportsmanlike activity".

Rita Limbrick, of Rita's Multicultural

Community Café on Main Street Barry, will give a cooking demonstration, student intranet, Moodle, will provide information, and there are awareness-raising exercises on all Barry College sites.

On November 25, the college's crèche and childcare centre will hold a 'Children of the World' day where the toddlers who attend the centre will be encouraged to dress up in national costumes. They will be read stories relating to children around the world.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

ST ATHAN PACT, The Old Community Building, November 23.

BARUC PACT, St Francis Millennium Centre, Barry, November 26, 7.30pm.

COFFEE and chat meeting, White Lion public house, Ystradowen, December 1, 11.30am.

STANWELL PACT, All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, December 4, 7pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Anniversary concert

THERE is a 40th anniversary concert in aid of Cancer Research Wales, at Barry Memorial Hall, on Sunday, November 22, at 2pm.

Tickets £6, and £3 for children.

Party fayre

THE Vale Labour party Christmas fayre will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 11am, in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

Stalls, activities and Father Christmas in attendance. For details telephone 07525 158391.

WHAT'S ON in brief

Vale AM's advice surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, November 21, between 10am-12noon, at Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys. No appointment necessary. Telephone her constituency office on 01446 740981 for more information.

Christmas fayre

THE parish of Penarth and Llandough is holding its Christmas fayre on Saturday, November 21, in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, at 10am-12noon.

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Christmas Rocks
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4 Dec 7.30pm

Talk - 'Nature, Art and Engineering'
Free talk coinciding with our exhibition on the suspension bridge in Wales. 5 Dec 3pm

Christmas Twmpath
Welcome the festive season in with a good old-fashioned Twmpath. 5 Dec 7.30pm

Choral Concert
Exciting debut concert for our new community choir, the St Donats Atlantic Choral.
6 Dec 4pm (with mulled wine and mince pies)

Afternoon Carols Concert
8 Dec 3pm (with free tea and cake)

Tea Dance
11 Dec 2pm (with free tea and cake)

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Time when the railway was king in south Wales



ABOVE: The railway station at Cowbridge.

LOCAL railway enthusiast, MIKE WILCOCK, has been reading a new book, entitled *Lost Railways of South Wales*, by Mike Hall. This is his review:

In this well researched new book, Mike Hall brings to life the railways of this area.

With more than 100 photographs, including many not seen before, he takes the reader through the arrival of the railways in the 1830s, on through their decline and to the present day.

Chapter one covers the Border branch lines around the Wye Valley, Monmouth, Sudbrook and Caerwent.

Interesting photographs show the old station buildings at Raglan alongside the A449, and one of the most difficult stations to find in Wales – at Pontypool, where the line is at least two miles from the town centre

Northwards from

Newport is covered in chapter two, and a further two pages of maps provide the reader with all the relevant information on the stations in the area.

If all the colliery plant-forms were included, there were more than 400 stations in south Wales during the peak of rail transportation. With the help of this book the reader will be able to identify some of their remains.

Visiting the Big Pit and the Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway will at least capture some of the days of steam.

Chapter three and four remind us of the Taff Vale, Heads of the Valleys, the coal fields and Cardiff area.

After more excellent photos of the viaducts at Walnut Tree, Clydach Gorge and Hengoed, we finally arrive at Cowbridge.

The railway to Cowbridge was opened to passengers in 1865 and the extension to Aberthaw in 1892.

Although the line was taken over by the TVR in 1876, the port at Aberthaw was never

developed and the extension closed in 1932.

We may yet see the station at Aberthaw open again, now that Arriva trains have re-introduced a successful passenger service on the Vale Line!

Lines to Swansea and the west are featured in chapter five, with Battling to Brecon and Neath in chapter six.

Finally, west Wales and chapter seven brings this fascinating book on railways to a close.

Reading it made me quite sad for the days long gone when railways were king.

But their inevitable costs both in running, building and no doubt today; the environmental issues of coal extraction and burning, made them disappear very quickly, never to return.

The book is available, locally, through the Cowbridge Bookshop and in Cardiff at Ian Allan. For further information, contact the publishers on www.countrysidebooks.co.uk

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Dodging the rain showers on a soggy stroll across the rural Vale

THE weather forecast was not exactly promising, but five walkers took a chance and boarded a train to meet up with Joy and Bracken for the journey down to Llantwit Major.

Upon their arrival, it was evident that there had been a heavy bout of rain by the huge puddles everywhere, but the group were well dressed for the elements – even the dog had a raincoat on – and they set off through Llantwit Major going downhill towards the coast.

Deviating off the road as a short rain shower fell; they followed a soggy leaf-lined path uphill to Castle Ditches that once guarded the entrance to Cwm Col-huw lying below them. Turning east, the group followed the cliff path with a very brisk wind at their backs, stopping further along above Stout Bay for morning coffee.

Soon the cliff top was occupied with men and spaniel dogs who were about to participate in pheasant-shooting and after a greeting, it was time to move to Summerhouse Point.

The group were aware of heavy showers moving across the Somerset coastline and also further inland over the north of the Vale, but fortunately for them they remained in a corridor of dry weather and even the sun put in an appearance.

Reaching Summerhouse Point, they descended for the short journey across the

pebbles at Summerhouse Bay, which was covered with driftwood much to the dog's delight – before crossing a stile into fields at Penry Bay.

Another stile saw them emerging above Limpert Bay with the huge shape of Aberthaw Power Station towering above them. Then it was time to circumnavigate the front of the power station behind the solid sea-defence wall and cross the river bridge over the River Thaw to the Leys beach where the tide was ebbing.

Reaching Pleasant Harbour and going past the pond at the east Aberthaw nature reserve with the ivy-clad remains of the old lime-works beyond it, the group found a sheltered spot with bushes as a wind-break and stopped to enjoy their lunch.

Moving on to cross the salt flats, with a pair of swans gracefully floating on the salty pools, the group climbed the wooden steps up the cliff to reach Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park.

At Watch House Point, they turned inland through a field where around a dozen pretty goldfinches took flight from the rough scrub-land as the group walked adjacent to the railway line behind the Rhooose quarries.

Reaching Rhooose railway station, two of the walkers dropped out to catch a train while the remainder walked a narrow track through a copse into an open meadow to rejoin the coastal path by the quarries at Rhooose Point.

Coats were discarded as they walked past the

tall piece of slate marking the southernmost tip of mainland Wales as the sun shone, but the wind still remained blustery.

From Porthkerry Caravan Park, the group followed the road down to Porthkerry village and passing St Curig's Church, they took the route through the woods following the slippery path downhill to the golf course.

Crossing the new footbridge, erected by volunteers from the NHS earlier in the year, they walked the main meadow of Porthkerry Park, going uphill through Lover's Lane to emerge onto Park Road.

Passing the ruins of the 13th century Barry Castle, all that remained was a trek along Old Village Road and into Canon Street before the descent back to Barry Railway Station and the



Taking a break above Stout Bay.

journey home.

On November 21, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an eight-mile moderate walk at Aberkenfig; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

On November 22, meet at 10.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a five-mile easy walk at Radyr Woods and the Glamorgan Canal; contact Krys on 029 2070 0678.

Wear suitable cloth-

ing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Vale Ramblers on cross-border walk



The Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers pictured on their recent walk in Tetbury.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers recently spent a somewhat damp but enjoyable walking weekend based in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, led by Roger and Pat.

Friday evening was spent in the Crown Inn discussing arrangements for the weekend, after an interesting heritage walk around the town by several members, a spokesperson reports.

Saturday dawned wet, but the intrepid group, including Zetta and Andrew from West Glamorgan Ramblers, set out on a circular walk of nine miles from Kingscote, passing the village of Horsley and the town of Nailsworth.

The latter was well known for cloth manufacture, brewing and for having been at one time the home of the Welsh poet, WH Davies.

A rather wet and windy lunch was taken under the trees by the pond at Ruskin Mill, which has been for 40 years, 'an educational trust for young people who fall between the cracks of mainstream provision, providing a

natural environment to work on real life purposeful tasks'. The second we had decided to eat under the trees the sun came out on the other side of the pond and, although not out long, we were able to finish the walk through the woods and fields back to Kingscote in fine weather.

There were hopeful forecasts of "supposed to be better tomorrow" and, to be fair, it was not actually raining as we drove to Westonbirt to meet our guide, Peter Higginbotham, for a tour around the Arboretum.

He was informative, enthusiastic and had a light-hearted touch that kept us entertained.

Lunch was taken on the picnic benches, whereupon, on the first bites of the sandwiches, the heavens opened and we finished our lunch squatting under the

trees! We continued our walk through the Silkwood and the Acer Glade, containing the National Collection of Japanese Maples, then out of the Arboretum for the four-mile walk back to Tetbury; memorable for the polo pony studs and the back of Highgrove House.

We think HRH must have been away on royal business as he failed to invite us for tea.

In spite of the generally dismal weather, the colours of leaf and berry were wonderful; we felt we had chosen just the right time to visit before leaf fall.

Thanks to everyone who made the weekend so enjoyable with their company and great cheerfulness and fortitude in the drizzle. We are already looking forward to our spring weekend in the Malvern Hills.

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World Soroptimists visit the Welsh capital city for 'Bras in the Bay'

CARDIFF recently hosted the 75th annual conference of Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI), attended by 1,700

ladies from 28 countries including Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

Delegates met to discuss the business of the organisation, to take

decisions on its future, and to listen to keynote speakers Chris Moon MBE, Ian Woodall and Christina Lamb, who each had inspiring and uplifting stories to tell.

It was not all work, however, and delegates

enjoyed some excellent evening entertainment with a Welsh flavour.

Members of Soroptimist International Barry and District were actively involved in the organisation and running of this very successful

conference, and were also delighted to participate in the 'Bras in the Bay' initiative.

Second hand bras are valuable commodities, and British bras in particular are considered to be of very high quality.

SIGBI has been working with Oxfam since 2007 in helping deprived women in Africa to obtain this item of underclothing. Through Oxfam's Wastesaver textile recycling facility, British bras are sent to Senegal, where the objective of the project is to create a social enterprise for the import and onward sale of second hand clothing.

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LEFT: Barry members, together with other delegates, at the photo shoot outside the Wales Millennium Centre.



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS ARE PRESENTED WITH MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

YOUNG volunteers from across the Vale have received special awards from the Vale Council.

A council spokesman explained that the mayor's awards scheme is an informal recognition of educational and related achievements.

"Running at gold, silver and bronze levels, the scheme operates in youth centres and is based around activities in seven key curriculum areas – issue-based work, sports, arts, community projects, citizenship, trips/visits and information."

The third year of the scheme involved 52 young people – 45 at bronze level, six (silver) and one (gold) – who had raised funds for local charities, volunteer tutoring, competing in national dance competitions and environmental projects.

Vale youth development officer Nadia Stanton, said: "These young people completed the projects on a voluntary basis and, as well as now being able to celebrate such marvellous achievements at a personal level, they have enhanced the communities in which they live."

Awards were presented by Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams, who hosted the event, and Coun John Clifford, chairman of the Vale Council's scrutiny (lifelong learning) committee.



Awards for Motion Control (Barry) dancers.



Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams and Coun John Clifford with gold award winner Keira Jo Stanton, from Llantwit Major.



Award winners Connor Wyatt (right) and Gareth Williams.



Award winners from Rhose.



Award winners from Llantwit Major Youth Centre.



Silver awards for Llantwit Major Youth Centre members, and Motion Control dancers from Barry.



Area 41 (Barry) award winners.

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club were:

October 27: 1st Mike Close and Mike Best 71.43 per cent; 2nd Huw Thomas and Denis Mottram 57.14 per cent; 3rd Eileen Hughes and Carol James 55.56 per cent.

Hilary Laurence and Viv Liles won on handicap.

November 3: 1st Noelle Bond and Mark Roderick 61.90 per cent; 2nd Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 56.94 per cent; 3rd Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 51.59 per cent.

Helen Jordan and Maureen Charlton won on handicap.

Celebrity yachtsman in Barry

CELEBRITY yachtsman Tom Cunliffe is making a special appearance at Barry Yacht Club on Thursday, November 26, at 8 pm to give a talk on seafaring and survival in hard times.

Open to non-members, the talk called 'Lead us not into digital temptation (From Grandfather's pocket watch to the Electronic Chart Plotter)' examines how technology is changing how we do things, and how our minds work, whether we go to sea or not.

Admission is free, with a voluntary charity collection to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute being made at the event.

Tom Cunliffe's is presenter of Boat Yard, currently showing on Discovery Channel TV. He is also well-known for his appearances on BBC1's Island Race, a series of eight prime-time documentaries made as he skipped a voyage round Britain with John McCarthy, the Beirut hostage, and comedienne Sandi Toksvig as crew.

For further information and tickets, telephone 01446 730344.

Ty Hafan lottery

WINNING numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 592: ● £2000: 872419. ● £10: 894143, 383396, 794310, 408645, 491647, 869482, 412402, 652662, 878994, 624298, 814277, 136260, 442653, 692892, 509398, 415239, 815018, 271520, 381036, 813969. ● £5: 636959, 769347, 808270, 521712, 757718, 575917, 120591, 192227, 828797, 379364, 705821, 108156, 425103, 217071, 683118, 183087, 128151, 223376, 999651, 727407, 574280, 889115,

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

The Oscars (of a sort) at Fontygary!

Kids get the red carpet treatment



BEST bib and tucker was the order of the day at Fontygary Leisure Park last weekend when the Fontygary Kids, who had performed a wonderful production of *Grease* for their mums and dads, were given the full 'Oscar' treatment – red carpet and all.

The Kids and families sat in a VIP roped-off area and walked up a red carpet to receive their prized Oscars – beautiful ball gowns – tiaras and very proud parents all coming together!



"I would like to thank the Academy..."



SOUTH WALES REGIONAL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR BOYS, TRELAI PARK, CARDIFF

Morgan is the top runner at regional championships

THREE Bridgend county borough pupils claimed medals at the 12th South Wales Regional cross-country championships for boys, held in difficult, wet conditions at Cardiff's Trelai Park.

Because of the numbers who have taken part at this fixture in past years, medals are awarded to the top three seniors, the first five at under-15 (years 9 and 10) and the top eight under-13s (years 7 and 8).

Fifth former Morgan Davies was the top placed runner. The Porthcawl pupil has improved significantly from his 17th placing in the under-15 race last year, in dry conditions.

At this fixture he continued the progress that he had showed in the under-17 race at the opening Gwent League school fixture, held over the Newbridge Fields course in early October.

Again he ended trying to chase the much more experienced Lewis School (Caerphilly) year-12 Alex Edwards but had to settle for second place, finishing 16 seconds down in second place – a performance which suggests that, if he can continue to make progress, he has a chance of international honours after Christmas.

The under-13 race was won by a member of Bridgend AC, Llantwit year-8 Ben Owen, with two Bridgend county boys in the top eight.

Harry Jenkins (Porthcawl) was fourth, while one of the Davies twins, Harry, from Brynteg claimed seventh spot. Missing from the starting line was Lewis Jones (Maesteg), who had finished third in the 2008 race.

Year-9 Morgan Thomas (Porthcawl), the 2008 under-13 winner, was the top Bridgend finisher in the under-15 race, taking ninth in the opening race.

Perhaps the most encouraging part of the fixture was the fielding of both A and B teams in the under-13 section by Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd.

The Welsh medium school has only been open since September 2008 and only has two years on roll.

Ben Jones had the distinction of being the school's first ever boy to finish, taking a creditable 26th in a smaller than usual field of 237, and leading his A squad to 12th place, two behind Porthcawl.

The next major schools' cross-country fixture is the 33rd Welsh Schools Inter Schools championships, which will be held at Penlan, Brecon, next Saturday, November 14.

Results of Bridgend County boys: Senior boys - 5,490m – years 11 to 14 – 73 finishers – 2 Morgan Davies Porthcawl 20:42; 29 Rhys Clayton Brynteg 24:29.

Under-15 boys – 4,400m – years 9 & 10 – 160 finishers – 9 Morgan Thomas Porthcawl 18:00; 11 Jack Couch Porthcawl 18:02; 21 James Hunt Brynteg 18:31; 32 Dan Brace Brynteg 19:12; 36 Tom Allen Porthcawl 19:24; 53 Jacob David Porthcawl 20:00; 70 Daniel Glen Brynteg; 91.

Llantwit's Ben runs through the pain (and the rain)

For the Vale boys, who have only experienced dry Cardiff & the Vale Schools' cross-country league fixtures so far this term, the 12th South Wales Regional Schools' championships came as a big shock. It rained and rained and rained.

When the course marking team were setting out the marking stakes and tapes, the rain was so heavy that Mr Brian Davies, the longest serving schools' official, suggested that the finish be moved from the planned site, halfway up Trelai Park, to one closer to the changing rooms – a suggestion that was agreed, with a 300 metres reduction for each course.

The top Vale performance over the reverse Trelai course came in the second race for four pupils in years 7 and 8.

After a steady first small lap, Llantwit year-8 Ben Owen cut loose and was never headed on the more testing, longer second lap, finishing eight seconds clear of Tom Edmunds (St Martin's).

Because of the number of pupils who have competed in the past, medals are awarded to the first eight finishers in this race. As a result, Tom Owen (Cowbridge) gained an award for finishing eighth.

With illness preventing the Bro Morgannwg duo of Rory Heslop and Harri Williams from competing in the opening race of the afternoon, the under-15 event for years 9 and 10, it was left to Barry Comprehensive pupils to lead the Vale contingent home. Last year, Matthew Edwards and Callum Barrie finished 21st and 48th respectively. It underlines how much they have improved in the last 12 months that Edwards only just missed out on a top three placing, finishing fourth, while his team-mate, Barrie, finished 10th.

With Stanwell only

by **PETER MORRIS**

fielding teams up to year-9 in the Cardiff & Vale Schools league, it was encouraging to see year-10 Huw Evans competing at this event and he should be pleased by his 13th place, one ahead of team-mate Elliott Richards.

One athlete may feel particularly disappointed with his placing in this race. Llantwit year-10 Dan Owen, older brother of under-13 winner Ben, went off very hard and was well placed for much of the 4,400 metres course, but he ran out of steam in the last big lap and slipped down the field to 38th place.

With the leading four senior boys – Alex Edwards (Lewis School), Morgan Davies (Porthcawl), Alex Coomber (Bryn Celynog) and Konstantinos Karras (Radyr) – getting away on the opening two small laps, it was Elliott Mears who led the Vale boys home. The Cowbridge year-11 managed to hang on to fifth place in a very tight finish, in which only four seconds separated the four places down to ninth.

Mears, and his school-mates Oliver Beaman (15th), Josh Thomas (24th) and Jon Esquirol (46th) also had the satisfaction of helping Cowbridge claim third team place, the only Vale squad to feature in the top three teams.

The under-13 and under-15 team competitions were won by Llanishen High, with Lewis School, from Caerphilly, taking second place.

The Barry Comprehensive quartet were top Vale school at under-15, finishing eighth, while the Cowbridge A team of Tom Owen, Kristian Jones, Huw Bennett and Cai Allin finished lead Vale school at under-13, in sixth.

Pupils from Cowbridge and Llantwit will be in action at the 33rd Welsh Schools' Inter Schools' championships, to be held at Penlan, Brecon next Saturday, November 14.

Vale results: **Senior boys** - 5,490m – years 11 to 14 – 73 finishers – 5 Elliott Mears Cowbridge 21:37; 7 Darren Jones Llantwit 21:40; 10 Daniel Lewis St Cyres 22:20; 14 Dominic Farr Bro Morgannwg 22:57; 15 Oliver Beaman Cowbridge 23:04; 19 Joseph Whitmarsh Knight Bro Morgannwg 23:24; 23 Duke Durham St Cyres 24:07; 24 Josh Thomas Cowbridge

24:09; 28 Tom Howles Llantwit 24:23; 30 Dan Ruffle Llantwit 24:32; 46 Jon Esquirol Cowbridge 25:49; 49 William Elliot Cowbridge 25:58; 56 Kyle Garrison Barry College 26:28; 58 Rhys Allin Cowbridge 26:49; 62 Michael Lloyd Cowbridge 26:58; 68 Jon Mansell Cowbridge 28:01; 69 Steffan Kitchen Cowbridge 28:02; 70 Oliver Crosby Llantwit 28:05; 72 Jack Grahame Llantwit 28:42.

A Teams: 3 Cowbridge 90; 4 Llantwit 135; B Teams: 4 Cowbridge B 237.

Under-15 boys – 4,400m – years 9 and 10 – 160 finishers – 4 Matthew Edwards Barry Comp 17:21; 10 Callum Barrie Barry Comp 18:01; 13 Huw Evans Stanwell 18:04; 14 Elliott Richards Stanwell 18:12; 37 Dafydd James Isaac Llantwit; 38 Dan Owen Llantwit; 40 Adam Hewitt Cowbridge; 42 Matthew Sullivan Cowbridge; 56 Richard Lewis Barry Comp; 72 Stuart Fleming Cowbridge; 73 Matthew Collins Barry Comp; 81 Elliott Parry Llantwit; 88 Lewys Jones Cowbridge; 92 Rowan Miller Llantwit; 95 Curtis Hayes Barry Comp; 115 Tom Parker Llantwit; 116 Hatim Shami Cowbridge; 137 Ieuan Jones Stanwell; 151 Andrius Stepanovusi Barry Comp; 154 Dean Garrison Llantwit; 157 Tom Davies Stanwell.

A Teams: 8 Barry Comp 143; 10 Cowbridge 242; 11 Llantwit 248; 14 Stanwell 321.

Under-13 boys – 2750m- years 7 & 8 – 237 finishers – 1 Ben Owen Llantwit 11:25; 8 Tom Owen Cowbridge 12:04; 14 Kristian Jones Cowbridge 12:30; 20 Rhys Schuster St Cyres 12:43; 32 Callum Smith St Cyres; 41 Huw Bennett Cowbridge; 45 Rhys Knight Stanwell; 46 Callum Drew Llantwit; 51 Richard Dangerfield Llantwit; 58 Arran Bright Llantwit; 63 Scott McMillan Llantwit; 80 Jake Mazzitelli Llantwit; 85 Cai Allin Cowbridge; 89 Gareth Hurman Barry Comp; 101 Miles Jenkins Cowbridge; 110 Scott Duffield Stanwell; 112 Callum Goddard Barry Comp; 116 Tom Rawlings Llantwit; 120 Liam Martin Cowbridge; 135 Will Parker Llantwit; 141 Will Brown Stanwell; 142 Tomos Harvard St Cyres; 143 Hywel Williams Cowbridge; 154 Samir Boulaiche St Cyres; 155 Scott Thomas Cowbridge; 156 Kieran Gray Llantwit; 173 Calvin McCann Barry Comp; 175 Chad Travis Barry Comp; 176 Ben Jones Cowbridge; 177 Daniel Oddy

Cowbridge; 178 Oliver Parry Llantwit; 181 David Flanagan Stanwell; 192 Tom Geen Stanwell; 194 Jacob Frost Stanwell; 202 Calum Stisted Stanwell; 207 Ben Brown Llantwit; 224 Brad Enticott Barry Comp; 233 Iestyn Jones Llantwit.

A Teams: 6 Cowbridge 148; 7 Llantwit 156; 14 St Cyres 348; 18 Stanwell 477; 24 Barry Comp 549; B Teams: 5 Cowbridge B 353; 7 Llantwit B 394; 12 Cowbridge C 519; 22 Llantwit C 774; Scott Durham Porthcawl; 113 Tom Hibbard-Jones Porthcawl; 118 Lewis Brace Brynteg; 123 Hayden McMeekin Porthcawl; 136 Corey Divetta Porthcawl; 139 Jay Ellis Brynteg; 148 Patrick O'Toole Brynteg; 155 Sam Matthews Porthcawl; 158 Jack Sealy Brynteg; 160 Connor Watkins Porthcawl.

A Teams: 6 Porthcawl 109; 12 Brynteg 310; B Teams: 11 Porthcawl B 463.

Under-13 Boys – 2,750m – years 7 & 8 – 237 finishers – 4 Harry Jenkins Porthcawl 11:53; 7 Harry Davies Brynteg 12:01; 26 Ben Jones YG Llangynwyd; 27 Reuben Toozie Brynteg; 49 Connor Williams YG Llangynwyd; 64 Joseph Haggood Archbishop McGrath; 56 Daniel Cornish YG Llangynwyd; 71 Joseph Jones Porthcawl; 72 Jordan Norris Porthcawl; 83 Robert Davies Porthcawl; 90 Jordan Fox Porthcawl; 148 Rhys Roberts YG Llangynwyd; 180 Dafydd Davies YG Llangynwyd; 209 Ryan Matthews Porthcawl; 227 Owen Watkins YG Llangynwyd; 228 Garin Lychar YG Llangynwyd.

A Teams: 10 Porthcawl 230; 12 YG Llangynwyd 279; B Teams 16 YG Llangynwyd B 635.

Cowbridge ladies will go north!

RECENT games for the Cowbridge ladies rugby team have unfortunately been postponed due to the weather, but the ladies are eager to get back on the pitch and this Sunday they will travel north to Dolgellau.

After a promising start to the home game when the two teams last met, Cowbridge will be looking to put more points on the board this time around. The following week (November 29)

TIM 'POSTS' YET ANOTHER GOLFING WIN AT MACHYNYS

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, held recently at the impressive Machynys

Peninsular Golf Club and sponsored by the NFU Mutual Insurance

Company, attracted a record 56 entries, all competing for the many individual and team prizes on offer.

In addition to the normal hazards which golfers normally encounter, competitors also had to contend with lakes which came into play on 16 of the 18 holes.

Any wayward shot was likely to be met with that familiar splash of water and unprintable comment, while those able to keep the ball on the fairway were rewarded with receptive greens awaiting their next shot.

The individual competition was keenly contested, with three members all finishing with a top score of 33 points – the back nine being the deciding factor.

Postman Tim Jarvis, with 16 points on the back nine, came out on top just ahead of generous sponsor Julian Kelly, who scored 15.

Tosh Taylor, with 14 on the back nine finished third, while Bryan

Owen, with 31 points, was fourth.

This success gave Tim 'back to back' wins following last month when he collected the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy.

Guest section A large turn-out of invited guests enjoyed their own competition, resulting in Robert Calcaterra taking first place with an impressive 37 points.

Joe Lacey and Barrie Melhuish finished second and third respectively with 32 points.

Others who played but failed to trouble the leader board included Bill Goldsworthy, Ed Philipin, Kevin Latham, Chris Watson, Robert Crookes and Glyn Thomas.

The NFU Mutual Team Challenge competition, with two scores on the first six holes, three scores on the next six holes, and all four scores counting on the final six holes once again proved a popular team competition, with the winning team comprising John Caines, Peter Fryer, Martin David and Barry Radley, who scored 102 points.

Runners-up with 98 points were Mike King, Gordon Cooper, Colin Humphreys and Joe Lacey, while in third place with 97 points were Keith Walker, Barrie Melhuish, Tim Jarvis and his son Daniel.

Best endeavour

Surprisingly, the much-fancied team of Southerndown-based members Robert Thomas, Glyn Watts-Jones and Clive Edwards, together with Gwyn Thomas, failed to come to terms with the magnificently manicured fairways, and collected the best endeavour team prize with just 65 points.

Captain Ray Howells, Ray Simkins, Gino Cocco and Lynn Thomas were relieved to finish runners-up.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Colin Humphreys, Barrie Melhuish, Barry Radley and also former Vale farmer Peter Francis.

The 'James the Butcher' sponsored longest drive on the 18th hole was won by Martin David.

Keith Gibson's significant contribution to the 165 golf balls that failed to return home was rewarded when he won the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball competition, resulting in £100 being raised for the Vale-based charity, the Ed Evans Foundation.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 26, at The Glamorganshire Golf Club, sponsored by Herbert R Thomas Ltd.

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Top coach brings another rugby title to Pontyclun

PONTYCLUN-BORN Paul John has won top prize at the Sports Council for Wales' Coach of the Year Awards.

The former Welsh rugby star took the prestigious 'Coach of the Year' award, together with high performance coach of the year, at a glittering ceremony

in Cardiff's Welsh Institute of Sport, after leading the Wales rugby sevens team to World Cup victory.

First pulling on his boots for local side Llantwit Fardre, the scrum-half went on to play and captain Pontypridd RFC and earn 10 caps for his country.

He became National Sevens Coach last October, and just five months later, John led his first choice squad out to the IRB World Cup in Dubai.

Having knocked out the tournament favourites, New Zealand, in an earlier round, Wales went on to beat Argentina 19-12 and be crowned World Champions.

John was nominated by John Schropfer, WRU National coach development manager, who stated: "Paul's attributes make him an ideal role model for the young players aspiring to become professional players. His empowering style of coaching has seen his charges develop considerably this last year.

"He is the first Welsh rugby coach who can say that he has won the World Cup for Sevens. This was an incredible achievement."

Malcolm Arnold, whose athletics career spans more than 40 years, was recognised for his contribution to sport.

National Coach for Wales from 1974 – 1994, Arnold helped Colin Jackson to an Olympic silver medal, World, European and Commonwealth Games gold medals and a world record in the 110m hurdles.

Now senior performance coach for UK Athletics, Arnold continues to play a key role in developing Olympic hopefuls; guiding Swansea Harrier, Dai Greene to the World Championship final and a string of personal bests in 2009 and bringing Bridgend's Rhys Williams back from injury to qualify for the Berlin World Championships.

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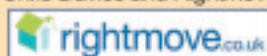


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Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools track and field presentation evening

TWO Vale students scooped the three top awards at the recent Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Track & Field Presentation Evening at Cardiff High School.

For Penarth resident Elinor Lewis, the evening ended with two awards. The multi-talented Bro Morgannwg sixth former has had another outstanding summer. After helping her school to its first-ever victory in the opening track and field fixture of the summer – the Senior Cup Final – at the new Leckwith stadium, she claimed two titles at the senior championships – the pole vault (with a new championship best of 3.30 metres) and the triple jump – and added to that the senior pentathlon title at the Combine Events championships.

It was at the Welsh Schools Nationals, at new Leckwith in July, that she made a major breakthrough. She won the senior girls' pole vault title for the first time, but this was her third National Schools title in four years, and, for the fourth consecutive year, she set a new championship best – of 3.74 metres.

That performance, coupled with her unique Welsh Schools record, resulted in her receiving the Frank Ireland cup, for the outstanding Cardiff & the Vale Schools' track and field athlete, and the Bob Cypher award and bursary.

Barry sixth former Curtis Mathews was the second award winner. The Cwm Talwg resident first made his mark in 2008 when, as a fifth former, he won the Cardiff & the Vale Schools' middle boys combined events title and went on to claim second place in the Welsh Schools' championships at Carmarthen.

After that summer success, he was invited to the Welsh Schools trials at NIAC in November and, in December, made his international debut for the under-18 team at the SIAB Indoor Combined Events championships at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. For being a member of that team, he received his international plaque at this presentation evening.

This summer, he has made huge strides, claiming three individual wins at both the Cardiff & Vale senior cup and senior championships in April and setting a new championships best for the senior boys age group at the combined events championships in May.

At Welsh Schools, he won the senior boys combined events at Swansea, and followed that up by competing for the Cardiff & the Vale Schools in the long jump, high jump, discus and B relay team at the Welsh Schools nationals, winning the high jump.

In addition to his schools' competition, the Barry & Vale Harriers has been training regularly with John Hartley at the club, and has worked on decathlon events with Mike Guest and, on the first weekend in September, represented Wales in the under-20 age group at the Home Countries combined events International at Stoke, scoring a very encouraging 5,516 points on his debut.

At the presentation evening, his progress was underlined by the award of the Capitol Shopping Centre Cup for Endeavour.

Sadly, neither of these talented athletes was able to represent Welsh Schools this summer because the planned celebration under-20 international, intended to mark 50 years since the first schools' international at Colwyn Bay in 1959, was not held.

The one major trophy which did not go to a Vale school was the overall championship points trophy. Four schools, including Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge, had totals of more than a 1,000 over the eight age groups, but the award went to Cardiff High School, with a score of 1,757.

Two year-11 pupils received international plaques for representing Welsh Schools this summer. Jamie Sexton has been the busier of the two with the St Richard Gwyn pupil competing in the 100 metres and the relay at the SIAB under-17 international in Antrim in July, finishing third in the 100 (11.10) and helping the relay squad to second place, and in the relay team at the UK School Games at Leckwith in September, where the team finished third.

St Cyres powerhouse James Wiltshire was the second pupil. Having finished second to Paul Bennett (Dyfed) at the Nationals over 400, he was, sadly, not available for the SIAB fixture but was selected for the 4 x 400 team at the UK School Games. He produced storming second leg runs in both the Saturday heat and the Sunday final, but an injury affected squad finished out of the medals in fifth place.

Although they missed out on the overall championship points award, four Vale school did receive team awards. Bro Morgannwg retained the junior girls championships trophy and had success in the cup competitions at under-20 and under-16. Cowbridge claimed three championship trophies – both senior sections and the year-7 boys – while

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Barry now have the under-16 boys B final trophy in their cabinet, and Llantwit have the equivalent girls' award, plus a six months holding of the under-14 A Cup Final trophy, which they share with Cardiff High.

At the end of the evening, the Cardiff & Vale Schools' chairman, Mr Rob Glaves of St Cyres, recorded the association's thanks to a number of groups and individuals for their help and support through the summer programme. Included in the list were: Mr Bob Cypher and his wife Min; Mr Ted Nicholson (British Red Cross); Mr Ian Dixon (photographer); the staff of the Vale Council and Jenner Park; the Vale of Glamorgan Council for its grant aid; team managers – Mrs Laura Burnett (St Richard Gwyn), Mrs Melissa Hunter (Stanwell), Mr John Patterson (Llantwit), and Mr Glan Williams (Cowbridge); and to the Vale newspapers, which reported our events.

On a very sad note, the Frank Ireland cup, given to the association by its former president, was presented on the evening before he died. His funeral is due to take place at Cardiff's Thornhill Cemetery on Thursday, September 24, at 11.45 am.

Vale award winners: TEAM AWARDS – CHAMPIONSHIPS – The Capitol Shopping Centre Trophies: Senior Boys Cowbridge 354; Senior Girls Cowbridge 301; Junior Girls Bro Morgannwg 215; Year-7 Boys Cowbridge 225

TEAM AWARDS – CUP Competitions: Under-20 Boys Bro Morgannwg 100; Under-20 Girls Bro Morgannwg 99.

A Cup Final: Under-16 Boys Bro Morgannwg 195; Under-16 Girls Bro Morgannwg 170; Under-14 Girls Llantwit & Cardiff High 174.

B Cup Final: Under-16 Boys Barry 185.3; Under-16 Girls Llantwit 175.

AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS – SENIOR BOYS: Tom Whitmarsh-Knight (Bro M) 2000Sc 6:53.9; Curtis Mathews (Barry) HJ: LJ, DT, Pentathlon 1.78, 6.35, 33.64, 2590 CBP; Matt Wilcox (Cow) SP 10.18; Mike Lloyd (Cow) 110H 20.4; Steffan Kitchen (Cow) JT 34.81; Adam Jones (Stan) 100, 200 12.0, 23.6.

SENIOR GIRLS: Elinor Lewis (Bro M) PV, TJ, Pentathlon 3.30 CBP, 10.30, 1.820; Alice Thomas (Cow) 400H 91.6; Heather Jarvis (Cow) 200 33.9; Maddi Edgeworth (Cow) 800, 100H 2:53.5, 22.2; Rebecca Hoddart (Cow) HJ 1.25; Ayla Phillips (Llantwit) SP, HT 9.79, 35.11 CBP.

MIDDLE BOYS – Years 10 and 11: Reuben Tucker (Cow) SP 12.21; Rhys Allin (Cow) 800 2:15.5; Sam Bunkham (Cow) TJ 12.03; Scott Hewins (Llantwit) JT 42.88; Bradley Cole (St Cy) HT 31.41; James Wiltshire (St Cy) 400 53.3; Jamie Sexton (St Rich G) 100 11.4.

MIDDLE GIRLS: Jamie Trewicks (Bro M) JT 19.44; Lia Thomas (Bro M) TJ 8.81; Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) LJ 4.72; Nisha Shie (Cow) HJ 1.40; Bethan Daw (St Cy) 1500 5:22.3; Lauren McCarthy (St Cy) 300 43.2; Eloise Laity (West) 800 2:32.7.

JUNIOR BOYS – Years 8 and 9: Arran Reid (Barry) 200 24.62; Matthew Edwards (Barry) 1500 4:37.15; Matthew Roan (St Cy) HJ 1.60; Tom Smith (Stan) TJ 10.87.

JUNIOR GIRLS: Fern Mason (Bro M) JT 23.57; Nancie Edwards (Cow) 1000 Walk 21:52.72; Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit) 800 2:34.03; Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) LJ 4.48; Caitlin Bryant (The Cathedral) 1500 5:17.27.

YEAR-7 BOYS: George Griffiths (Cow) 100, LJ 13.2, 4.67; Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) DT 22.47; Joshua Thomas (Cow) 800 2:28.6; Ben Brown (Llantwit) 1000 walk 5:56.8; Hugo Billington (Llantwit) SP 9.65.

YEAR-7 GIRLS: Chelsea Siirak (Bro M) 200 29.5; Annabel Curle (Cow) HJ 1.35; Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 800 2:40.6; Danielle Dakin-Weston (Llantwit) JT 19.82; Ellis Auclaus (St Cy) DT 17.50; Kate Coker (Stan) 1500 5:29.7.

AWARDS TO 2009 SPORTSHALL WINNERS – UNDER-13 BOYS – Years 7 and 8: Rhys Elms (Cow) Speed Bounce 82.

UNDER-15 BOYS – Years 9 and 10: Ben Harding (St Cyres) Shot 12.70; Sam Street (Cow) Speed Bounce 80.

Certificates to athletes who competed at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, at Cwmbran Stadium, March 1 – Under-13 Boys – Team 3rd – 507; Daniel Matthews (Cow) Standing LJ 2.02; George Griffiths (Cow) Standing LJ 2.32; Rhys Elms (Cow) Speed Bounce 83; Che Pomphrey (St Cyres) 4 Laps, VJ 63.5, 50; George Hooper (St Cyres) 2 Laps, Standing TJ 24.8, 5.90; Zach Harris (St Cyres) 2 Laps, Speed B 27.1, 71.

Under-13 Girls – Team 4th – 489; Liz Whitehouse (Cow) Vertical Jump 50; Sarah Lewis (Cow) Standing Triple Jump 5.35.



ABOVE:
Senior Girls, who received district colours medals for representing Cardiff & the Vale Schools district at Welsh Schools championships this summer. Vale athletes included are Elinor Lewis, Leah Grisdale (both Bro Morgannwg) and Ayla Phillips (Llantwit). The fourth athlete is Lauren Regan (St David's College).



ABOVE:
Promising sprinter Arran Reid received the u16 B Cup Final trophy on behalf of Barry Comprehensive.



ABOVE:
Elinor Lewis (Bro Morgannwg) receives the Frank Ireland Cup for the outstanding athlete, from former GB triple jump international Mr Graham Webb, President of Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' AA.



ABOVE:
Mrs Min Cypher presents the Capitol Shopping Centre Endeavour Cup to Barry Comprehensive sixth former Curtis Mathews.

Middle Boys – 2nd – 106: Jake Connelly (Bro M); Oliver Trotman (Cow); Rhys Allin (Cow); Tom Perry (Bro M); Sam Bunkham (Cow); Darren Jones (Llantwit); Scott Hewins (Llantwit); Ben Harding (St Cy); Bradley Cole (St Cy); James Wiltshire (St Cy); Jamie Sexton (St Rich G).

Middle Girls – 5th – 80: Lia Thomas (Bro M); Bethan Daw (St Cy); Lauren McCarthy (St Cy); Eloise Laity (West).

Junior Boys – 1st – 95: Matthew Roan (St Cy); Arron Reid (Barry); Matthew Edwards (Barry); George Connelly (Bro M); Gus McPherson (Cow); Cameron Jones (Stan); Tom Smith (Stan); Tom Williams (Stan).

Junior Girls – 3rd – 57: Fern Mason (Bro M); Maisie Matthews (Bro M); Lucy Tarrant (Llantwit); Lucy Taylor (Llantwit).

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events Championships at Swansea on 27/06/09: (a) Senior Boys: Captain – Curtis Mathews (Barry); (b) Senior Girls: Captain – Leah Grisdale (Bro M); (c) Middle Boys: Captain – Oliver Trotman (Cow).

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' National Championships at Cardiff on 04/07/09: (a) Junior Boys: Captain – Cameron Jones (Stan); (b) Senior Boys: Captain – Adam Jones (Stan).

AWARD TO ATHLETES WHO GAINED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION: (a) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Combined Events International at Glasgow, Scotland – 13 December, 2008: Under-18 Boys: Curtis Mathews (Barry); (b) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB u17 track & field international held at Antrim on July 18: Under-17 Boys: Jamie Sexton (St Rich G); (c) For Welsh Schools at the 4th UK School Games held at Cardiff on September 5/6: Under-17 Boys: Jamie Sexton (St Rich G); James Wiltshire (St Cyres).

SPECIAL AWARDS – (a) The School gaining most points in the Championships – Cardiff High; (b) The Frank Ireland Cup – Elinor Lewis (Bro M); (c) The Capitol Shopping Centre Cup for Endeavour – Curtis Mathews (Barry); (d) The Bob Cypher Award & bursary – Elinor Lewis (Bro M).

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DOUBLE FOR EVAN LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams landed a 75-1 across the card double with *Gilwen Glory* (4-1) and *Dusk* (14-1) last week.

The former, ridden by

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee



Dean Coleman being unseated at Ystradowen.

Photograph by JOHN BEASLEY.

Christian Williams, scored at Exeter and the latter, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won at Lingfield.

TIM SCORES FOR OWEN LEGENDARY football player Michael Owen recently sent three horses to be trained at Aberthaw by Tim Vaughan, who wasted no time

by winning with the first runner, *Holoko Heights*, at Southwell.

Tim, who has taken the horse racing world by storm, is the country's leading trainer (in terms of winners) and his conditional jockey, Deano Coleman from Cowbridge, like his stable jockey, Welshman Richard Johnson, has done him proud this season.

COWBRIDGE Rugby Club recently held a golf tournament for past and present players and associates over the testing Mackintosh Course at Cottrell Park.

A total of 39 hardy golfers faced the elements and competed for individual and team prizes.

The pre-tournament favourite, Rob Calcaterra, recent winner of the Farmers Golf Society meeting at Machynys, captained the 'dream' team alongside brother Richard and the father-and-son combination of Keith and Jamie Gibson.

Competition was expected from the Penlllyn trio of Dai Llewellyn, Rob Llewellyn and Neil McLean, who teamed up with local legal expert Tosh Taylor.

Back row legends Peter Hopkin, Martin Edwards, Clive Thomas and Rob Price appeared to be serious contenders for the team award,



Rob Price (part owner of Etoile D'or), Brian Owen (winner) and tournament organiser Glyn Thomas.

especially after Peter's scintillating opening six holes.

Despite the rain, the team's spirit was raised when news filtered through that Rob Price's syndicate horse, *Etoile D'or*, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthaw, had won the Top Signs Handicap Hurdle at Hexham. However, unlike *Etoile*, their challenge withered as the rain took its toll.

Justin Millet, Christopher Powell and second row forward

Alex Lewis were handicapped with only having three members in their team, but they battled on to a creditable fourth place.

Chris Rooney, Gareth Pritchard, Neil Williams and club secretary Alun Griffiths formed a formidable team, and were in contention for the team award, eventually finishing joint second.

Club chairman Lyn Thomas captained a team containing Brian Owen, Rhys Thomas and Wyn Davies.

Consistent scoring ensured they finished in joint second.

Having enjoyed the hospitality of the Cottrell Park clubhouse, the awards ceremony took place at the Edmondes Arms.

In the team event, it was no surprise that the Calcaterras and Gibsons took the award by a distance.

In the individual event, Jamie Gibson, with 35 points, took third place, losing out on second place to Alex

Lewis on count back. Despite Jamie and Alex's brave efforts, the victor, with 36 points, was Whitland-born Brian Owen.

Brian, who is no stranger to the columns of The GEM due to his regular successes with the Farmers Golf Society, epitomised the cliché 'When the going gets tough the tough get going'.

The 'Whitland Wizard', who played outside-half for Cowbridge in the 70s and early 80s, has not only successfully transferred his deft touches from the rugby pitch onto the putting green, but has also managed to have kept the handicap per at bay.

Further awards went to Neil McLean for the longest drive and to Dai John, Alex Lewis, Brian Owen and Christopher Powell for 'nearest the pin'.

Best endeavour went to Bertie Bassett look-alike Will Young.

All players were extremely grateful to Glyn Thomas and Rob Price for organising the tournament.

Does this mystery photo ring a bell?



ABOVE:

Local author Brian Lee is keen to find out if any GEM reader can supply any information about the above photograph. It is believed to be about 50 years old, and was definitely taken "somewhere in Glamorgan" but that is all he has to go on. Anyone with information should contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Llantwit under-10s find that pressure pays off

LLANTWIT MAJOR under-10s played host to Abercwmboi on Sunday in the first round of the Blues cup, and what a game it was!

The boys started very strongly with forceful forward play by the pack. Even when Llantwit did lose the ball, their defence was superb with Oliver Rowbottom and Joe Baker continually causing the visitors problems at the breakdown with their good ball stealing in the tackle area.

The backs were also effective, with the two centres charging up at the Abercwmboi defence and forcing errors.

After six minutes it paid off when a dropped ball by the visitors saw Ellis Simon run half the pitch to slide over for the opening try.

Morgan Gore converted to make it

7-0 the Major.

Llantwit continued to apply pressure through the forwards and a couple of good driving mauls by Luke Pilcher and Ewan Briggs saw gaps opening up for the speedy backs to attack.

The visitors then started to play a bit of rugby and tested the defence, but the boys held their own and forced an error on the visitors' tryline. Joe Baker dived on the ball to score.

Morgan Gore converted to make 14-0 the final score.

A big happy birthday to captain of the day, Rhys Richards!

Squad: Rhys Richards (captain), Luke Pilcher, Nick Harris, Ewan Briggs, Callum Young, Oliver Rowbottom, Joe Baker, Morgan Gore, Sam Bluck, Jason Grice, Ellis Simon, Harry Lovell, Ieuan Williams.

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Glory for Cowbridge pupils at Welsh badminton event

RIGHT: Rhys Mallows, county singles under-15 winner, Wil Painter, runner-up.



Jordan Guard, county champion girls under-18 singles, Alistair Brace, under-18 boys runner-up plate, Katie Bradbury, under-18 girls singles runner-up.



Ellie Cridland, winner under-13 girls singles plate.



Wil Beech, under-18 singles plate winner.



Lois Palmer under-15 girls singles plate winner.

Jazz arrives in local showroom

BASSETTS HONDA Bridgend, is celebrating the arrival of its first 'homemade' Jazz, after the first British-built superminis started rolling off the line at Honda's factory in Swindon earlier this month.

Together with the homemade Civic and CR-V, the three popular cars will make up nearly 90 per cent of Honda's car sales in the UK. The 'homemade' campaign will focus on telling the facts about Honda's range of British-built models. These include: It took 3,400 skilled workers to build this homemade Jazz. Which, when you think about it,

is a pretty big deal for the littlest Honda.

The Honda effect is spreading. Staff are back at work in Swindon and in need of their daily mugs of tea. That should keep Mr Tetley busy.

"Honda is committed to manufacturing in the UK, and because small, practical, fuel efficient cars like Jazz and Civic are in such high demand in the UK at the moment, it makes sense to build these models on our home turf," said Mr John Boyce, dealer principal at Bassetts Honda.

Jazz is one of only three British-built superminis on sale in the UK. It has topped the JD Power supermini class for five consecutive years and won countless other awards.

BADMINTON THE Cardiff & Vale Schools badminton singles championships were held at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

All matches are in group stages with winners and runners-up going through to the main tournament. All other players go into the plate competition.

Under-18 boys: Huw Williams lost in the last eight by 21-16. Jack Scanlan and Dayle Painter lost in the first round.

Under-18 girls: Sabrina James lost 21-15 in the last eight. Sara Edwards and Emily Renwick both lost in the semi-final.

Katie Bradbury lost to Jordan Guard in the final by 21-16, 21-14.

Under-15 boys: Harley Wilkinson and Chris Brace lost in the quarter-final of the Plate.

Under-15 girls: The following boys won all group matches but lost in the first round knockout: Tim Pickin, James Caseley, Isaac Richmond, Harri Collier,

George Francis. James Hendy lost 21-17 in the semi-final; William Painter lost 21-17, 21-16 in the final.

Under-15 girls: Plate – Amy Oliver and Millie Booth lost in the quarter-final; Liz Whitehouse lost in the semi-final; Lois Palmer won 21-10, 21-16.

Mari Boxall was knocked out in the first round; Rachel Bradshaw, Sophie Gallagher, Annabel Drew in the quarter-final; and Naduni Jayishye Romy Killick in the semi. In the final, Jess Oliver lost 21-17, 21-16.

Under-13 boys: Plate – Cai Allin, Lloyd Elms lost in quarter-final. Knocked out in first round were: Alex Guard, Alex Greaves, Matthew Howells; Sean Rowland and Harri Scanlon lost in the quarters, and Mathew Kamal lost in the semis.

Under-13 girls: Plate – Holly Pitcock made the quarter-final and Ellie Cridland was the winner. semi finalists were Nia Patel, Olivia Brown, Kate Llewellyn, and Jordan Carpenter won the final 21-16, 21-13

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COTTRELL PARK PAIR TAKE ON THE WORLD

RHODRI Davies and Steve Wood proudly represented Cottrell Park and Wales at the International Pairs World Final 2009 at Carnoustie and Monifieth recently.

Qualifying with 47 points from Cottrell Park in April 2008 and playing off handicaps of six and four respectively, the pair then won the regional final at The Players Club at Bristol in August 2008. This in turn progressed Rhodri and Steve to the UK final at Carnoustie in October 2008.

The pair played very well and at the end of the two-day UK final found themselves in fourth place overall, but more importantly the top Welsh pairing, guaranteeing an invitation to the World Final in 2009.

The International Pairs World Final was to be played at Monifieth Golf Club, about five miles from Carnoustie,

against players who had travelled from all over the world including Canada, America, South Africa, Nigeria, Europe, and Israel.

Neither Rhodri nor Steve had played much in the last year due to Rhodri's wife having a baby and Steve moving to Saudi Arabia for work and they had only played together once since the UK final in 2008.

However, on the first day of the competition at Monifieth, Steve and Rhodri started with birdies on 1, 4, 5 and 8 for 21 points.

The back nine at Monifieth is definitely harder than the front nine and after 16 holes they were still scoring but not picking up any three-pointers.

Steve took the honour on 17 and scored three points into the wind on one of the hardest par four holes on the course. The 18th is a par five and Steve hit his three wood second shot three feet from the hole and



Rhodri Davies and Steve Wood on the first tee.

promptly slotted the putt for an eagle and four points. They were tied for second after the first day with 43 points and getting a little excited.

Carnoustie deserves its reputation. Jean Van de Velde's disaster in the burn on 18th in the 1999 Open Championship is still talked about around Carnoustie, but the truth is Jean did amateurs a favour. Treat the last two holes at Carnoustie with respect or you will pay the ultimate price.

Steve and Rhodri had a disastrous front nine holes in the 2008 UK final at Carnoustie, and they were determined to play it better this time around. However, it was not to be, as cavernous bunkers, burns in the wrong places, three putts

and poor club selections meant a similar score to last year.

Dejected and heads hung low, they tackled the back nine knowing that their chances of winning were gone again.

A couple of birdies on the back nine for four-pointers were not enough as their French Canadian teenage female playing partners were scoring three and four-pointers at will and powering ahead to eventually win with 83 points. Steve and Rhodri finished tied for third with 78 points.

A massive achievement, third best in the world out of tens of thousands of original competitors, putting Cottrell Park and Wales firmly in the amateur golfing spotlight.

Cowbridge teams slip off the top spot

COWBRIDGE A Bar 44 suffered their second defeat of the season away to Cardiff Vets to slip from top spot in South Wales Division 2 East 'C'.

They still hold second place, only four points behind leaders Cardicot, while the Vets are 22 points behind Cowbridge A.

Simon Payne, guesting from the 'B' side, fired the As off to a fine start with another 3-0 victory at No 5.

This was followed up by a further 3-0 win from Niall Sloan, and so gain revenge over Noel McConkey who had edged it 3-2 in the corresponding fixture in Cowbridge a few weeks ago.

Despite this fine platform, the remaining performers managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Surprisingly, numbers 3, 2 and 1 all lost with Garfield Leask going down 0-3, and the previ-

ously unbeaten Jon Bisson losing 1-3 to true veteran Alan James.

Cardiff No 1 Dave Driscoll inflicted Nick Guard's first defeat of the campaign also. (Match result 7-13).

This week, the As play host to Monmouth and hope for a repeat of their 5-0 success earlier in the season.

Cowbridge B Bar 44 also lost the lead in their respective league (South Glamorgan Division One) to Fairwater - the Bs had no match while Fairwater took full advantage with a 5-0 (19-3) thumping of Barry.

This sets up this week's top of the table showdown when the Bs visit Fairwater (Wednesday) 11 points adrift but with a match in hand.

Cowbridge C find themselves near the relegation zone with a daunting visit to run away leaders Rhiwbina D (the Cs have a match in hand, however).

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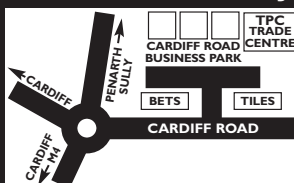
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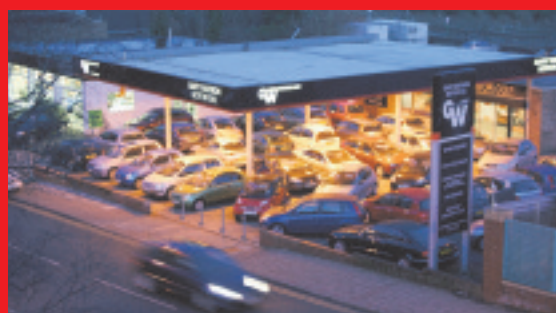
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Excellent away win for year-8 rugby

RUGBY

THE year-8 rugby team played Brynteg Comprehensive School A team.

Playing away to one of the largest comprehensive schools in Wales is always a challenge. In one of the best quality games of rugby played this season, year-8 were always under pressure for the whole game. Players were having to make key decisions all the time.

Losing 7-5 at half-time, the Cowbridge boys kept their discipline and patience in the second half to win 17-7 at the end of a very entertaining match.

Tries were by Harri Dowell-Bennet and George Griffiths (two). Sean Rowland kicked one conversion.

B team: Playing against much bigger opponents, the year-8 B team gave their all but in the end lost 29-10, with tries scored by Liam Martin and Jethro Haines.

Both teams played again four days later at Llandaff School, Cardiff.

The A team had another very close game, losing 10-7 at half-time but again they kept their discipline to win 19-10 at the final whistle.

Tries were by George Griffiths, Joshua Thomas, Joseph Gaughan with Sean Rowland landing two conversions.

The B team had more possession in this game and scored five tries by Harri Stubbington, Owen Ace, Trystan Pugh, Joshua Lewis and Lloyd Elms.

Mathew Roberts kicked three conversions. Over the two games, a total of 40 boys played, which is a credit to their year group.

Year-7

The year-7 team played Stanwell Comprehensive School, Penarth in a league match.

This was a quality



Find out how these pupils fared the Cardiff and Vale Schools badminton championships on page 33.

game of running rugby where the Cowbridge boys kept possession very well, denying Stanwell the ball in the first half, to lead 21-0 at half-time.

A few changes were made which allowed Stanwell to become more competitive, but Cowbridge won 48-0.

Tries: Hywel Williams (two), Tom Trotman (two), Kristian Jones, Joe Davies, Frazer McGan, Daniel Oddy.

FOOTBALL

THE year-7 team played Fitzalan High School in the first round of the Bluebirds Cup.

The game was played at the Leisure Centre pitch and this suited the year-7 boys team, who used the width with Kristian Jones on the left and Joe Davies on the right getting in quality crosses. Captain Ben Jones finished off a cross into the box to lead 1-0 at half-time.

Fitzalan had a few chances, but the Cowbridge defence of Owen Alexander, Ellis Rosser, Tom Day-Davies, Max Ragan and goalkeeper Oliver Pyke kept a clean sheet.

Two excellent goals by mid fielder Tom Lucas gave Cowbridge a comfortable 3-0 win. They now look forward to the second round.

The year-7 football team also played the final of the Regional Welsh Cup against Llanishen High School, away.

Going behind to an

early goal did not deter the year-7 boys and Tom Lucas, playing up front, scored a goal from 20 yards.

A poor clearance from defence gave Llanishen the lead again, only for Tom Lucas to score another quality goal from 20 yards, with his left foot this time.

At half-time, the boys were confident.

A mistake by the defence let Llanishen in with 10 minutes to go, but the Cowbridge boys kept going, only to concede a late goal to lose 4-2.

Squad not already mentioned: Matthew Harper, Jack Hamilton, Ieuan Ridout, Louis Phillips, Joseph Treharne, Daniel Oddy, Harvey Stockford.

Year-8

The year-8s played Llantwit Major Comprehensive School and won 4-1.

The goals were scored by captain Marcus Knevet, William Mathews, Brad Rosser, Mathew Roberts.

Squad members: Goalkeepers - Sean Rowland, Aron Bowman; defence - Ryan Sherrard, Declan Thomas, Gabe Shires, Sam Richards; midfield - James Smart, Tyler Rogers, Alex Guard.

HOCKEY

COWBRIDGE year-10 hockey team travelled to Porthcawl with one player missing.

This didn't stop the girls from putting in an

excellent performance. Great attacking work from Sophie Gallagher, captain Rachel Bradshaw and Romy Killick ensured an early lead for Cowbridge with Romy scoring.

The next goal was scored by Rachel Bradshaw, with Porthcawl scoring shortly after, making the half-time score 2-1.

In the second half, there was a succession of goals, first for Cowbridge by Coryn Sexton, then Porthcawl, making the score 3-2.

Romy Killick scored her second, with Porthcawl scoring again from a mistake by the defence.

Rachel Bradshaw then set off on a solo run, took the ball into the attacking circle and scored, ensuring a 5-4 win for Cowbridge.

Player of the match was Laura Smith, who put in a good performance in defence.

A high scoring exciting match. Well done to the team.

NETBALL

THE senior netball team played Llantwit Major Comprehensive School year-11 team.

Llantwit Major are a strong team with accurate and efficient skills, and quickly racked up the goals.

The Cowbridge attack of Louise Edwards, Jordan Carpenter, Alice Thomas and Amy Goodfellow did well when they did gain possession.

The final score was 13-5 to Llantwit.

Cowbridge then played Stanwell Comprehensive School after a good warm-up against Llantwit.

Cowbridge had the upper hand and won the first half 5-1. With this good lead, they held off a comeback from Stanwell who won the second half 7-6 making the final score 11-8.

After almost slip sliding away against Samoa... Wales know there will be no room for error against rampaging Pumas

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

IF the defeat to the All Blacks had again underlined Welsh shortcomings in terms of clinical control at key moments, taking their scoring opportunities, and closing down cliff-edge games, the frailties were even more cruelly exposed by a Samoan squad that had been together for just three or four days.

Remarkably, some 60,000 supporters had again loyally poured into Cardiff's Millennium stadium on a dismal, rain-stormed Friday night for the second (and, arguably, easiest) of the four autumn Tests, hoping the lessons of the previous week had been absorbed.

In the event, despite the narrow 17-13 win, fans would have shared the obvious frustration of the coaches at the lack of composure that saw oodles of quality possession and huge territorial advantage squandered, with basic handling errors and fatal lapses in concentration that almost cost Wales dearly in the end.

After watching his struggling team, showing just four changes from the New Zealand match, fail to convert overwhelming superiority in all phases into an emphatic lead, Wales' none too happy head coach Warren Gatland's terse comment was: "We should have finished the game off earlier".

Not that the fiercely competitive, individually-talented Samoans were regarded as a push-over by the Welsh camp - far from it. Their success

rate against Wales speaks for itself, particularly on two best-forgotten World Cup occasions!

However, given their lack of preparation, compared to the settled Welsh squad's extended time together, the latter should surely have made this a far more telling factor in its favour.

Instead, the errors, erratic decision-making, and familiar tendency to switch off at critical junctures, meant a glut of promising opportunities went begging and it was Wales who were clinging on desperately to their slender lead at the end.

No doubt the mangled, slippery state of the Millennium stadium pitch did not help the free-flowing style of play that Gatland's Wales aspire to; and it is just as well that the WRU is replacing it (for the umpteenth time!) with the more testing encounter against the rugged Argentines on Saturday, and Australia lurking in the wings.

The players well know that they are now going to have to step up several gears if Gatland's goal of three wins out of four is to be realised; notwithstanding the ill luck that has shorn the team of key individuals, most notably their only specialist tight head, Adam Jones (how they could use him on Saturday against the truly formidable Pumas front row!)

The coaches, though, will have been encouraged by some fine individual performances, particularly with the timely return to form of Dwayne Peel to fill the scrum half gap left by the injured

Mike Phillips; and also that of young wing Leigh Halfpenny.

Stop gap full back, James Hook again demonstrated his versatility with an accomplished display; though the thought persists that his unique talents really lie in his favoured No 10 position.

Regrettably, this gifted player may yet have to leave the Ospreys (and even, perhaps, Wales) in order to make his point and avoid being labelled Wales' perennial 'utility man'.

Be that as it may, for now all eyes turn to the Argentina test, and the announcement of the Wales team was awaited with more than usual interest.

After almost slipping up against Samoa, would Gatland give the young guns another bleeding, or fall back on more experienced heads?

The answer came on Tuesday, when Gatland announced only one change from the New Zealand game - Scarlets centre Jonathan Davies coming in for the injured Tom Shanklin, and Peel surprisingly having to settle for the bench.

WALES TEAM: James Hook, Leigh Halfpenny, Jamie Roberts, Jonathan Davies, Shane Williams, Stephen Jones, Gareth Cooper; Gethin Jenkins, Matthew Rees, Paul James, Alun-Wyn Jones, Luke Charteris, Andy Powell, Martyn Williams, Ryan Jones (captain).

Replacements: Huw Bennett, Duncan Jones, Bradley Davies, Dan Lydiate, Dwayne Peel, Andrew Bishop, Tom James.

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